

Steel defeat puts Alliance into disarray

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Liberal Assembly yesterday humiliated their leader, Mr David Steel, and threw the Alliance with the SDP into disarray on the crucial question of nuclear defence policy.

the idea of a European minimum deterrent. He understood the assembly's impatience for a non-nuclear policy - it was a healthy impatience - but the weapons were there and the resolution, he argued, accepted that it did

we are prepared in government to modernize and maintain our present deterrent capacity until such time as we have agreed mutual reductions.

Today Militant's mob rule



How Robert Kilroy-Silk cancelled a factory visit because shop stewards feared 'the heavy mob'

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Hard Labour Trouble in the Lobby

The Commons fracas that followed Kilroy-Silk's resignation from Labour's Front Bench

Portfolio

Yesterday's £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Monday, was shared by three readers - Mr R.E. Wilson, of Woodley, near Reading; Miss Janet Craig, of Finchley, north London; and Mr Peter Gray, of Wallington, Surrey.

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Israel hits Lebanon terror base

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli pilots reported accurate hits yesterday afternoon when they returned from a raid on what was described by a military spokesman as "a mountaintop terrorist base"

The raid does not appear to be connected with an expected reprisal for the bombing of a synagogue in Istanbul earlier this month, which was blamed on the radical Abu Nidal group.

Coal chief says no to Scargill

By Robert Haslam, newly-appointed chairman of British Coal

rejection of a three-point demand from Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, when they met for the first time yesterday.

British Coal has decided to withhold the money to make up for pension fund contributions that strikers did not pay during the year-long dispute.

Reagan and UN chief stuck in lift

Heavy security took on a new meaning at the United Nations this week when President Reagan's entourage of burly secret servicemen crowded into a lift taking the President and Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Secretary General of the UN, up to the General Assembly.



Mr Steel yesterday, facing defeat. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Russians condemn 'space tyranny'

From Our Correspondent, New York

President Reagan was circumventing the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with his "evil designs" in the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

Mr Reagan had said that the arrest in Moscow of Nicholas Daniloff, the American reporter, who has been accused of spying, Mr Shevardnadze said it was regrettable that the president used the UN rostrum "in such a way".

US system likely to defeat Nimrod

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The crucial political choice of Britain's airborne early warning system has now been narrowed down to two options, the British Nimrod and the American AWAC.

Whitehall sources said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher would be looking at the options in a practical way and would not be emotionally tied to the British Nimrod system, which has still not resolved all its technical problems.

Six injured in Highlands rail collision

Six people were injured yesterday in the Highland town of Elgin outside when a relief locomotive crashed into the stationary train it was to have rescued.

Cabinet anger in Luton dispute

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night stepped into the dispute over the Football League's decision to expel Luton Town from the Littlewoods' Cup because of the first division club's moves to stamp out hooliganism at its ground.

Mr Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, will bring forward a scheduled meeting with football officials to try to persuade the league to change its mind.

Luton, who are considering taking out a High Court injunction against the management committee's decision, have barred all away fans from attending games at Kenilworth Road and had insisted on extending the ban to the Littlewoods' (League) Cup.

But because the rules of the knock-out competition, unlike those of the Football League, state that 25 per cent of the tickets must be offered to the visiting club, the management committee have awarded the second round to their scheduled opponents, Cardiff, whose fans have twice been involved in crowd trouble this season.

Mr Tracey said that there was "universal criticism" of the league. "We will be telling the league that they should be doing better than this." He had not yet arranged a new date for the meeting with football officials.

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Baker pledges cash to save universities

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, yesterday pledged that no universities would be forced to close because of lack of cash, but called for a bigger private role in funding higher education.

Addressing university vice-chancellors in Edinburgh, Mr Baker gave the most unequivocal indication to date of the Government's suspected support for a mixed system of loans and grants to replace the means-tested system for student maintenance which costs the Government more than £500 million a year.

Asking why students should not make a real contribution to their support, he said that a mixed system would be "more equitable" giving students a degree of independence more appropriate to their age.

Mr Baker's no-closure guarantee will end speculation about the future of universities such as Stirling.

However, Mr Baker says he expects an "incisive" reply from vice-chancellors on loans. After years of opposition to any scheme involving loans, it is predicted that they will signal their conversion to a system more in line with Mr Baker's way of thinking, perhaps before the end of their meeting tomorrow.

Aids vetting is likely to be rejected

Compulsory Aids checks on African visitors to Britain will almost certainly not be introduced because senior Government officials believe such measures would be impractical.

The difficulties in implementing such a screening policy have been considered to outweigh any benefits that might be obtained.

£1.5m aid for nuclear warnings

From Pearce Wright, Vienna

The International Atomic Energy Agency is to spend an extra £1.5 million on nuclear safety, following the Chernobyl accident.

Dr Hans Blix, director general of the agency, said it would be used to establish an early warning network to ensure countries were informed quickly about any accidents in neighbouring states, and in improving the standards of training of nuclear power station operators.

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# Ministers' summit has mission to combat Europe's terror squads

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The 12 EEC interior ministers who meet in London tomorrow are under greater pressure than ever to create a new political impetus to combat terrorism in western Europe.

One serious obstacle to proper exchange of information is inter-service rivalry. It is a matter of pride for one intelligence agency to hold back on imparting all its secrets to a security service of another country.

The two French security services, DST - the domestic espionage agency equivalent to MI5 - and the DGSE - the spy wing, similar to MI6 - have anti-terrorist units reluctant to pool resources.

At the so-called Trevi Group meeting, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is determined to generate a much more effective flow of intelligence.

There are 12 major organizations affecting the security of western Europe.

- The IRA is the most deadly, with about 300 activists. Its last atrocity on the mainland was in 1984 when the Grand Hotel in Brighton, accommodation of the Prime Minister and most of the Cabinet was blown up, killing five and injuring 31.
- ETA, the Basque separatist group, has about 150 activists. Its last atrocity was in July, when 10 civil guards in a bus in Madrid were killed by a

car bomb.

- The Abu Nidal faction is a notorious Palestinian extremist organization which acts as hired killers for Libyan and Syrian state-sponsored operations. Led by the ruthless and almost mythical Abu Nidal, aged 47, whose real name is Sabri al-Banna, it has been responsible for indiscriminate attacks in Europe.
- The Red Army Faction, or RAF, or its chief henchman, Mustafa Merad, a fanatical killer, run about 200 activists from offices in Tripoli, Libya and Damascus, the Syrian capital. His group is thought responsible for the Karachi hijack and the Istanbul synagogue massacre this month.
- The FARL-Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction is the shadowy group behind the recent bombings in Paris. It is thought to centre around the Maronite Christian family of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, its leader jailed in Paris.
- State-sponsored terrorism: Colonel Gaddafi's Revolutionary Committees run roving hit squads of about 100 assassins who hunt down Libyan exiles.
- But more menacing is the terrorist alliance formed in 1984 between Libya, Syria and Iran, under the spiritual guidance of Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader.
- The Palestine Revolutionary Movement is the Syrian-controlled group led by

Abu Mousa opposing the PLO leadership of Yasser Arafat. Mousa has about 100 agents.

- Red Army Faction in West Germany has about two dozen activists but is motivated by a hatred for Nato, the United States and the defence-related machine.
- Their last action was in July, when Herr Karl-Heinz Beckurts, director of an industrial company and his driver were killed when a 20lb bomb blew up his car.
- Action Directe in France, closely linked to the RAF, has between 24 and 30 members. Its last action was a bomb in an annex of the Paris police headquarters in July which killed an inspector and injured more than 30.
- Red Brigades in Italy is busily regrouping, with about 40 members. It has carried out several murders and kept links with the old Red Brigades leaders in jail.
- Fighting Communist Cells (CCC) in Belgium, anti-Nato and anarchistic, has about two dozen activists who attack defence-related targets. Its leader, Pierre Carette, was arrested last December but it has carried out 27 bombings in less than two years.
- FP25 in Portugal is an extreme left-wing, anti-American and anti-Nato group, but has less than 30 members.
- 17th November in Greece has about 20 activists and attacks US bases in the country.



Mr Tony Booth (immediately behind coffin) leaving the Holy Name Church in Manchester yesterday after the funeral of his wife, Miss Pat Phoenix.

## Requiem and jazz for Pat Phoenix

A requiem mass and music by a Dixieland jazz band yesterday marked the burial of Miss Pat Phoenix, the actress who found fame playing Elsie Tanner in the television series *Coronation Street*.

Miss Phoenix, aged 62, died of lung cancer just a week after marrying Mr Tony Booth, the actor, in the private clinic where she was being treated.

Yesterday, there was standing room only in Holy Name Church, Manchester, as mass was celebrated by Fr Paul Thompson, a cousin of Mr Booth.

The congregation included the entire cast of *Coronation Street*, who had cancelled a rehearsal for the first time in the show's 26-year history.

Outside the church, opposite Manchester University, two thousand people listened to the service, which was relayed through loudspeakers.

The jazz band slowly played *When The Saints Come Marching In* as the coffin was carried from the altar, then the music speeded up as the procession passed the crowds waiting outside.

After the service, members of the family left for a private cremation.

## Labour aim to cut crowding

Prison reforms

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

These schemes would only apply to those offenders who were not a danger to the public," he insisted.

Other measures would include extra statutory restrictions on the use of imprisonment, reduced prison sentences for less serious offenders, a big increase in the use of bail, increased use of compensation as a punishment, and finding alternatives to prison for fine defaulters, such as community service orders.

"These and other measures should result in a significant drop in the prison population and we would be able to embark on a major restructuring of the prison service," Mr Soley said.

The prison population in England and Wales last week totalled 46,780.

Mr Soley told the conference: "The faults in the present system are glaringly obvious. We send more people to prison than any country in Western Europe and we have had serious riots in a grossly overcrowded system."

But last night Mr Mellor attacked the Labour plan. He said: "The real priority is the safety of the public and the protection of the right of the courts in the public interest to sentence as they think best."

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, admitted yesterday that Britain's prisons faced problems of overcrowding, inadequate facilities, restricted regimes and inefficient working practices.

But he told the National Association of Chief Prison Officers in Loughborough, Leicestershire, that while the difficulties were massive they were not new, and he outlined the Government's three-pronged strategy for dealing with the crisis.

He wants to contain and reduce demand for prison space by encouraging alternatives to custody for minor non-violent offenders, to increase resources for the probation service, to improve the use and enforcement of fines, and to reduce the number of remand prisoners.

Mr Hurd said the Government was improving prison buildings, manpower and resources. The largest programme of prison building and refurbishment since the Victorian era was under way. Three new prisons had been opened last year, six more would be completed by the end of the decade, and nine more were planned, creating 9,400 new places.

## The secret global strategy

From Gavin Bell, Paris

retary General of Interpol since it was reconstituted after World War Two, is familiar with terrorist tactics.

The tall, powerfully-built marksman - he is a crack shot with a pistol - spent seven years tracking spies and political extremists in the Special Branch.

But he is under no illusions about the difficulties of tackling the new breed of ruthless killers, actively supported by some governments, operating across national borders.

Interpol, grouping 138 states, formally entered the battle against terrorism last October when its general assembly in Washington clarified an article in its constitution which had prohibited intervention in political, religious, military or racial matters, and decided to set up a specialist unit.

Further progress is expected at the forthcoming general assembly in Yugoslavia.

Mr Kendall believes the vast amount of information gathered by secret agents is not being circulated among police and other security forces the way it should be.

"When a known terrorist is identified, there should be an obligation to inform those in the front line, that is to say the police."

In a fortified building perched on a high ground overlooking Paris, a small group of men were grasping a confidential document.

Next month, its proposals will be debated, and almost certainly approved, by a discreet gathering of senior police officers from more than 100 countries in Belgrade.

The men belong to an elite anti-terrorist squad created last January by Interpol, the international police organization.

Their document is a global strategy for combating assassins, bombers, kidnapers and hijackers.

If any reminder of the urgency of their task were needed, the wall of police and ambulance sirens following the recent terrorist attacks in the city provides one.

Their chief, Mr Ray Kendall, formerly of Scotland Yard, explained the objective: "A national criminal intelligence service chooses a certain number of target figures, and attacks those people with the idea of removing them from circulation. We should be an extension of that service, looking at the target figures from the international point of view."

Mr Kendall, the first non-Frenchman appointed Sec-

## DPP denies prosecution 'press-gang'

The Director of Public Prosecutions' office responded angrily yesterday to complaints that lawyers were being "press-ganged" into working for the new crown prosecution service in London (Frances Gibb writes).

"Every crown prosecutor that has been seconded to make up for shortfalls in London and the shires has come voluntarily," a spokesman said.

He also denied that London was "robbing the shires" as claimed in an anonymous letter quoted in *The Times* yesterday. Nor was there any evidence of lawyers leaving the service, which started in the Metropolitan areas outside London in April, other than might be expected from natural turnover.

Of the 354 posts for lawyers in London, only 46 per cent had been filled. By October 1, when the service becomes fully operational throughout the country, every court would be 60 per cent staffed by prosecution service lawyers.

## Print union deal signed by Telegraph

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Eight months after News International moved its operations to Wapping, east London, *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday signed a benchmark agreement with the printing unions.

Mr Angus Clark, general manager of *The Daily Telegraph*, said that the News International dispute was never discussed during the negotiations, but added: "It certainly co-ordinated minds."

The agreement will result in 970 redundancies out of a London printing workforce of 1,630. Mr Andrew Knight, chief executive of the company, said: "Other publishers will use our agreement as a new benchmark."

*The Daily Telegraph*, which plans to start printing on Sunday night at its new £75 million plant on the Isle of Dogs in London's East End, has been negotiating with its unions for two years to achieve new working conditions and manning levels.

Although Sogat '82 was the only union to appear at a ceremony to sign the new labour agreement, officials of the Telegraph said the agreement had been accepted by the National Graphical Association, Amalgamated Engineering Union and Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

The agreement provides for a new joint standing committee of union and management to attempt to resolve disputes. If that procedure fails, disputes will be referred to a panel of arbitrators whose decision is to be final and binding, according to the text of the agreement.

Mr Knight said yesterday no final decision has been taken on where to move the editorial staffs of *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*.

## Labour pledge on drugs firms' profits

By Sheila Gunn

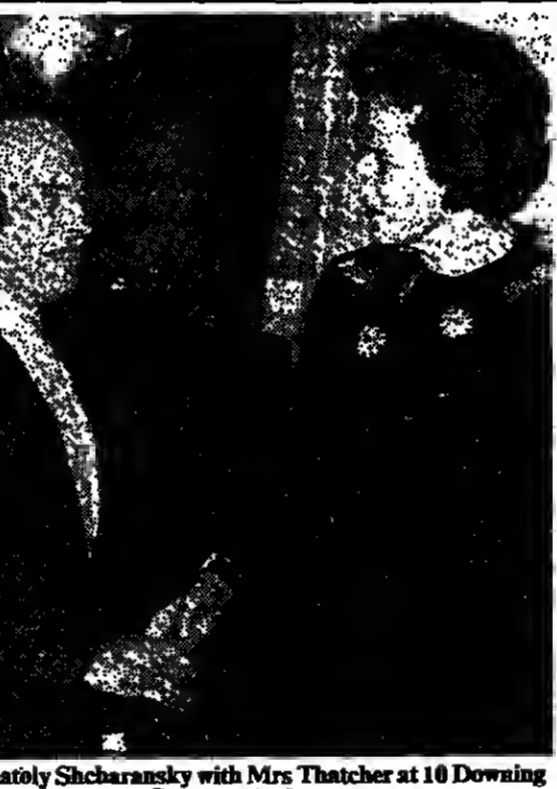
A future Labour Government was pledged yesterday to bring in tight controls on the profits of drug companies from sales to the National Health Service.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's chief health spokesman, said the companies' activities would be closely scrutinized, and full information on company costs demanded, before setting profit levels.

He was condemning the Government's relaxation on the profits of pharmaceutical companies from October 1, which will end a three-year profit-restricting arrangement between the Department of Health and Social Security and the companies.

"It is a national disgrace that this Government is colluding with the drugs industry to increase further their substantial profits," he said.

"Mr Norman Fowler's decision to increase drug company profits marks the end of any attempt to curb the present exploitation of the NHS."



Mr Anatoly Shcharansky with Mrs Thatcher at 10 Downing Street yesterday.

## Shcharansky pleads case of Soviet Jews

Anatoly Shcharansky, the freed Soviet dissident, yesterday appealed to Mrs Thatcher to keep the problems of Jews trapped in Russia at the top of the political agenda.

After a 30-minute meeting at Downing Street, the Russian declared he was very happy with the British Government's stand. Mrs Thatcher was a "very good friend of Soviet Jews," he said.

Mr Shcharansky, who spent nine years as a prisoner of the KGB, praised Mrs Thatcher for being actively involved in a campaign of quiet diplomacy to secure his release.

## Tax plan branded unfair

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Equal Opportunities Commission has come out against the Government's proposals for reforming income tax.

The plans to switch to fully transferable income tax allowances, contained in a Green Paper published in March, has high flaws, the commission said in a response published yesterday.

"The proposed tax system is not truly independent, does not encourage privacy between spouses, is extremely complex and will discourage married women seeking work," the response said.

It calls instead for completely independent taxation and increased child benefit, an idea that has been urged by other organizations, including the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

The commission said such a form of taxation was independent, non-discriminatory with regard to sex and marital status, gave individuals privacy over their tax affairs and provided assistance to families whose need was greatest.

There is no tax penalty for married women returning to work after having children, as in the Government's plan.

The commission said that of the 2,772 tax complaints received in the ten years of its existence, the majority had been on the unfair tax treatment of married women. The reform plans would not remove such objections, the commission concluded.

## Tunnel 'a threat to transport'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Channel Tunnel would lead to redundancies in the ferry industry, further decline in Britain's merchant fleet, and the run-down or closure of many south and east coast ports, the MPs select committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill was told yesterday.

Meanwhile Britain's largest transport union, the Transport and General Workers Union said its members in the road haulage industry might boycott the rail tunnel.

The union is opposed to the £3 billion project, which it claims is unnecessary, a threat to jobs and a potential waste of money. It is also concerned about the safety and legal aspects of drivers remaining in their cabs while in the rail tunnel.

"There are precedents for the union, on behalf of its members, recommending a boycott of regulations and facilities when we are unhappy about them," Mr Regan Scott, the union's national research secretary, said yesterday.

"I think it would be perfectly legitimate for the union to express concern about drivers being told to use the tunnel by employers."

Mr Frank Neve, an export consultant, told the committee on its final day of hearings that hauliers would forsake the ferries for the tunnel, and that this would be disastrous for ports as far apart as Hull and Bristol.

Mr Iain Donaldson, a Townsend Thoresen employee, representing more than 700 petitioners, said heavy competition between the ferry companies and the tunnel would "reduce their labour costs and the quality of services would decline until one or other went out of business."

Mr Alex Fletcher, the committee chairman, said the committee would do its utmost to ensure that competition between the ferries and the tunnel was fair.

"If there is fair competition I venture to suggest that there will not be the very great amount of distress talked about here today," he said.

Petitioners claimed that the ferries had to adhere to much stricter safety regulations than the rail tunnel. Mr John Drinkwater, QC, representing the Euro-Tunnel consortium, said it would be "financially disastrous" if safety arrangements for passengers staying in their cars proved unsafe.

## Bomb killed innocent man

The man who died in an explosion which wrecked a video shop near the home of the Prince and Princess of Wales in Kensington, west London, last month, was an innocent victim.

An inquest at Hammer-smith was told yesterday that police had ruled out the possibility that Mr Bijan Fazell, aged 22, of Upper Richmond Road, Richmond, Surrey, was handling explosives. The hearing was adjourned.

## Rise in remand prisoners

The number of prisoners on remand to the South-east has risen by 8 per cent in the last year. Miss Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said yesterday.

She said although remand prisoners were presumed innocent in law, they are subjected to conditions which are among the worst in the system.

## Radiation leak

More than 120 litres of radiation-contaminated water was discharged into the Burscough Dock, Barrow in Furness, on HMS Torbay on August 17, it was revealed yesterday.

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## Britain urges European crackdown

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Britain is taking urgent action to persuade its EEC partners to step up the battle against the worldwide network of heroin and cocaine dealers, it was revealed last night.

The day after a senior Scotland Yard officer disclosed that drug traffickers' profits in Britain were expected to reach £600 million this year, and the Home Secretary likened the hard drug industry to the slave trade, it emerged ministers are planning a series of top-level meetings with their European counterparts to try to reduce the quantity of hard drugs

pouring in from South America and Pakistan.

Mr David Mellor, the Home Office Minister in charge of the Government's campaign against drugs, will address the European Parliament in Strasbourg next month where he will urge the rest of the EEC to strengthen their efforts to stop the production of cocaine.

In particular, he wants EEC countries to ensure that their agricultural aid programmes do not help finance peasant farmers growing cocaine in countries like Bolivia.

Next January, Mr Mellor will chair a conference of the Pompidou group of ministers and try to get agreement for European-wide seizure of the assets of drug barons, while next month a meeting of European interior ministers will take place in London.

In the meantime, Britain is pressing for a UN convention which would make drug trafficking an international offence. A draft convention has recently been circulated and a meeting will be held in Vienna in February in an attempt to reach final agreement.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, will fly to West Germany today for talks on keeping terrorists and hard drugs out of Europe.

Times last night: "I believe the time is right for a more concerted approach with our partners in Europe."

"I will take the opportunity when speaking to the European Parliament to emphasise this with even more vigour, having seen the situation in South America."

The DHSS is assembling a team of experts who will tour Britain to check how strict health authorities are tackling drug misuse in their areas.

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Dogfight led to rabies death

# Safeguards demanded to curb advertising disguised as education

By a Staff Reporter

Children should be safeguarded from biased and slanted commercial propaganda in the classroom, a National Consumer Council report said yesterday.

A random check by the council of commercially sponsored classroom materials showed that a third of the books, packs or videos were judged inaccurate in some way.

More than half of the 32 items were criticized for promotional bias, including a nutrition booklet from the Kellogg Company in which the brand name appeared on 96 occasions, 18 times on one page.

Mr Michael Montague, the council's chairman, said: "What I am worried about is so-called educational material which is really just advertising, designed to produce brand loyalty among children."

"I am also worried about attempts by some commercial sponsors to suggest that there is only one side to an argument, for instance about what constitutes healthy eating."

Commerce and industry were invited to put their point of view and try to sell their products, but out in the classroom, he said.

Mrs Elizabeth Stanton, chairman of the sub-committee responsible for the report, quotes figures from the Publishers' Association which suggested that spending on

school books fell by 22.2 per cent between 1979 and 1985.

"In these circumstances, is it any wonder that commercial sponsors find schools so eager to snap up their free, or heavily subsidized education materials?" she said.

The report proposes:

- An enforceable code of practice to regulate production and distribution of materials. Current voluntary codes produced by commerce were not being adhered to.
- A checklist so teachers can evaluate accuracy and bias before educational aids are accepted for classroom use.
- The creation of a national Which-type guide with an independent assessment rating for each item.

**Call for Lords to review curriculum**

A special House of Lords committee charged with reviewing the school curriculum for 16-18 year olds was proposed yesterday by the chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, Mr Christopher Everett.

Mr Everett, headmaster of Tonbridge School, Kent, was speaking in Leeds to the 200 member heads of independent schools who were gathered for their annual meeting.

Echoing his support for the paper published by university

vice-chancellors earlier this year, which gave a warning against the dangers of over-specialization at the 'A' level stage, he said: "There is agreement that from 11 to 16 all our pupils need to pursue the broadest possible curriculum."

"The need for greater breadth beyond those years may be controversial, but there is little in our performance as a nation which suggests we can be light-heartedly out of step with our competitors."

A welcome start had been made with the AS level examinations, which would, for example, allow a pupil pursuing mainly sciences to also include a humanities subject.

However, an authoritative review was necessary, and he suggested a Lords committee along the lines of the recent committee on industry and overseas trade should carry out the task.

Part of the clue to Britain's decline, he said, has been the emphasis which schools had placed on character and temperament in place of a more formal system of training and academic education.

For decades, schools and their programmes had remained the same, but he warned fellow heads to be aware of the "dizzying change" being brought about by new information technology.



Mrs Sue Blacker, aged 35, is the sole woman stockbroker taking part in a City competition to double a £35,000 stake to make money for charity. Mrs Blacker's firm, L. Messel and Co, is one of six investment companies to take part in the scheme called the Holborn Great Investment Race. The Prudential Unit Trust Managers have staked £210,000 and all the profits at the end of the year-long race will be distributed by charities dealing with the disabled, the homeless and drug and alcohol abuse. The other five competitors are Bell Lawrie, Fidelity Investments, Heare Govett, Namura International, and Prudential Portfolio. The winners will receive a trophy from Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange (Photograph: Stuart Nicol).

## Portfolio Gold Prize will go towards a new flat

A secretary, a teacher and a technical television co-ordinator share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Miss Janet Craig, aged 30, a secretary, from Finchley, north London, said she could not believe her luck.

"I've played the game since it started, but I just didn't think that I would win anything," she said.

Miss Craig said she would use her prize money towards a deposit for a new flat.

Mr Peter Gray, aged 42, from Wallington, Surrey, who has played the game for the past six months, said he was "very excited" about winning a Portfolio Gold dividend.

Asked how he intended spending his prize money, the schoolteacher said: "I hope to afford a holiday in Europe."

The third winner, Mr Richard Wilson, aged 48, a technical television co-ordinator from Woodley, near Reading, Berkshire, said he was "pleasantly shocked" when he realised that he had won a Portfolio Gold share.

He said that he intended "enjoying" his prize by spending money on the house, buying new furniture and going on holiday.

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Miss Craig, who will use the money towards buying a flat.

## London's fares to rise 4 1/2%

**By Rodney Cowton**

Bus and underground fares in London are to be raised by an average of 4 1/2 per cent on January 1. Some single journey fares could increase by a third or more while others will be unchanged. The rises will be structured to encourage travellers to make more use of season tickets.

The increases follow an average rise of 6.5 per cent last January. London Regional Transport said the company recognized that the forthcoming increase was above the current rate of inflation, but was little more than the rate of wage increases, which accounted for about 75 per cent of costs.

The 50p central London bus and Underground fare, the 30p one-zone suburban bus fare after the weekly morning peak, and the 40p fare on the express Red Arrow buses, will be unchanged, but most other single fares will rise by 5p or 10p.

There will be no change in children's single bus fares,

## Rush to beat visa swamps airport

**By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent**

The immigration service at Heathrow, already fully stretched, is in danger of being overwhelmed by numbers of people trying to enter Britain before the introduction of a visa system for passengers from Nigeria, Ghana, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh.

Immigration unions say that conditions in Terminal 3 are now "intolerable". Biman, the Bangladesh airline, is preparing to send an extra flight to London on Saturday to cater for extra demand.

According to the unions, the number of immigrants being detained for further examination in Terminal 3 has doubled since the announcement of a visa system for the five countries.

The Immigration Services Union at Heathrow said that on Tuesday of last week 212 people were detained for further examination, compared with between 30 and 40 on a normal day before the announcement of the system. Last Sunday, 169 were de-

## 'Children of jobless in danger'

**By Angela Johnson**

Unemployment is one of the main causes of child abuse and divorce in Britain, the National Children's Home (NCH) said yesterday.

The group says that children living in families where the main breadwinner becomes unemployed are more likely to suffer from physical abuse, to be abandoned.

The Home Office has admitted that lack of detention accommodation has led to an increase in absconding by people who had been refused leave to enter but given temporary admission.

A total of 22,000 passengers were refused admission and removed from the UK in the 12 months up to June 1986 nationally, of whom 11,700 were from the five countries.

Last week, Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, met representatives from the ISU who were seeking assurances that the new visa system would be properly implemented.

Launching its Children in Danger campaign at St Bride's Church in Fleet Street, London, the NCH said that Britain had one of the worst records in Europe of family breakdowns caused by long-term unemployment.

"It is within these conditions that gross abuses of young children are more likely to occur than anywhere else," Mr Ashley Wyatt, head of the organization's child and family policy unit, said.

An NCH report shows that more than 1.4 million children in Britain live in homes with unemployed parents, that is one in 10 families. In France the figure is one in 30.

## Law urged to regulate car dealers

**By Robin Young**

Most car traders misled buyers about the roadworthiness of cars they sell, the Institute of Trading Standards Administration (ITSA) claimed yesterday.

After an Office of Fair Trading review of the motor industry's code of practice, the institute claimed that it had consistently failed to regulate its members. The industry should be made subject to "a powerful new law to keep garages in order".

While Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director-General of Fair Trading, concluded that the code had brought benefits but still left room for improvement, ITSA, the organization of local authority officers in charge of consumer protection, claimed that its latest spot checks and the OFT's own findings proved that self-regulation in the motor trade was "a farce".

The motor code came into force in 1976 but the latest OFT survey carried out in 65 towns still revealed a high degree of non-compliance.

Only a fifth of the members of the motor trade associations supporting the code even claimed to show pre-sales inspection reports, detailing the condition of used cars on offer, as the code requires. More than half admitted that they did not always give customers a copy of the checklist before delivery.

None of the customers interviewed by the OFT who had complained about a new car had been told about their right under the code to refer their complaint to a trade association.

The OFT says that over the next few months it will be discussing with the three trade associations a means of strengthening the code.

ITSA yesterday said that in Humberside only 16 per cent of traders were displaying the agreed checklists.

## L-plate 'cowboys' to be outlawed

**By Nicholas Beeson**

Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, yesterday unveiled new laws to curb cowboy driving instructors and protect Britain's 3.3 million learner-drivers.

From September 30 all qualified driving instructors and trainees will be required to display certificates from the Department of Transport in their car windcreens proving they are qualified to teach.

A green octagonal-shaped disc would indicate that the instructor is fully qualified and has passed a three-part examination. A pink triangular certificate will show that the teacher is a trainee and has six months to qualify.

Both documents require a photograph of the instructor. If the car does not carry the certificate, it could mean the instructor is charging for driving lessons illegally and could be fined.

Mr Bottomley said that in future if a learner-driver does not see either certificate he

## Police guard on five in search for solicitor

South Yorkshire, on Monday.

The police found the bodies of Mme Danielle Ledez, aged 38, and her daughter, Stephanie, in the 18-bedroom manor house. Christopher was found in a bathroom.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mr Wood, a former secretary of Sheffield Law Society.

The police are guarding his former wife, Margaret, her three children, and Mr Colin Lloyd, a headmaster, who is the estranged husband of Mme Ledez.

Mr Wood has made at least four telephone calls since his disappearance. The latest came yesterday when his brother, Mr Mark Wood, aged 28, a City financier, appealed for him to go to the police.

## New computer helps child murders hunt

**By Michael Horswell**

Police investigating three child murder cases announced new moves yesterday to help ascertain whether a single killer was responsible.

The recently introduced Home Office computer system will be brought in to help detectives solve the murders of Susan Maxwell, aged 11, Caroline Hogg, aged five, and Sarah Harper, aged 10.

The information collected by detectives will be fed into the computer, called Holmes. The Home Office said: "The computer allows for immediate cross-references and picks out words and names which a policeman looking for a link might miss."

Mr Charles McLachlan, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, said: "We now feel that these murders could be by the same man. One man may be responsible but it would be quite wrong to assume that we have a murderer at large killing children."

Susan Maxwell vanished near her home in Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumbria, in July 1982. Her body was found 13 days later on the A518 between Uttoxeter and Stafford.

## Group offers £25m to televise racing

**By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent**

A bookmakers' broadcasting consortium has agreed to pay British racecourse owners up to £25 million over five years for the right to transmit live television coverage of race meetings to betting shops.

The agreement, reached after negotiations described as tortuous, was reviewed yesterday by the Racecourse Association, which is putting details to its members for final discussion.

The agreement permits Satellite Racing Services (SRS), owned by Ladbrokes, Mecca, William Hill and Corals, to start experimental transmissions in November, and a full service next year.

To protect the copyright of the racecourse owners, and discourage illegal betting, the pictures will be electronically coded to prevent people with their own receiving dishes tuning in.

Of the 10,000 betting shops in Britain, 7,500 are expected to take the service, paying a between £3,500 and £7,000 a year. SRS expects to broadcast two race meetings every day and to cover others using retransmit and sound broadcasts.

## Group offers £25m to televise racing

When British racing is not available, the system will transmit greyhound racing and French and Irish horse racing.

The consortium hopes that live television will encourage more people into bookmakers.

"It will make the betting office a more pleasant environment in which to spend a couple of hours of leisure time," Mr Robert Green, chairman of Mecca and SRS, said. The television service also would encourage current customers to increase their stakes and bet more often.

The service is necessary because the BBC and Channel 4 currently provide only about 100 days of racing coverage each year, Mr Green said.

Technical operation of the network will be by British Telecom, under a separate £26 million contract. The actual transmissions will be via a satellite located over the Atlantic which is owned by the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization.

To receive the signals, betting shops will be equipped with dish-shaped aerials with a diameter of about four feet.

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50-57	5,401	2,561	970	9,219	5,401
58-65	5,319	2,524	957	9,100	5,319
66-73	5,250	2,488	956	8,993	5,250
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# Non-nuclear Nato defence policy sought

Loud cheering and thunderous applause greeted the narrow decision at the Liberal Party assembly at Eastbourne yesterday that the defence capability of the European pillar of Nato must be non-nuclear.

future for the British independent nuclear deterrent. If the anti-nuclear amendment was passed, the assembly would be rejecting that key and carefully constructed proposal of the joint commission report, and so he could not support the amendment.

strength. They should pass the amendment and set the Liberal Party on the true road to peace and disarmament. Mr Leighton Andrews, parliamentary candidate for Gillingham, moved the amendment to add at the end of the resolution the instruction to the policy committee to use the resolution as the basis of Liberal policy on defence and disarmament in negotiations with the SDP.

He said the row over the nuclear deterrent had drawn attention away from their aim to scrap Trident and build up conventional strength. They wanted agreed meaningful policy at the next election but the issue of a European minimum deterrent was something that had never been fully worked out and explained to the assembly.

The key element to put in negotiations with the SDP was that while defence technology might change, the values and principles that underlay Liberal policy did not. Their 1984 policy meant they would phase out Polaris. They should not see it interpreted in any other way.

Mr Brian May, Chelsea, opposing the motion, said it did not mean the SDP leadership had changed its mind since it rejected Paddy Ashdown's call for a freeze at Torquay last year. It was absolutely certain the SDP would stick to existing plans to deploy Cruise at Molesworth unless the United States decided otherwise.

The main points of the amended motion on defence and disarmament carried by the Liberal assembly yesterday are:   
● This assembly believes that credible policies for defence and disarmament must be based on the key principles of collective security with the creation of a stronger "European pillar" within Nato.   
● Assembly welcomes the Alliance Joint Commission report on Defence and Disarmament. Commission proposals recommended for incorporation in the Alliance Joint Programme for Government include cancellation of the purchase of Trident, inclusion of Polaris in arms control negotiations, and initiation of a moratorium on further deployment of intermediate nuclear weapons.

Assembly instructs the Standing Committee to use this motion together with the relevant resolutions of the 1984 and 1985 assemblies as the basis of Liberal policy on Defence and Disarmament in negotiations with the SDP on the Alliance Joint Programme.

could not betray that fundamental principle. They must scotch the view that an independent European deterrent was different from an independent British deterrent. Indeed it would be an Anglo-French deterrent. The French had always insisted on being totally independent and had even left Nato. Those were not attractive credentials. An Anglo-French deterrent would emphasize differences within Europe; there would be increasing tensions. They wanted political strength not nuclear arms.

There was no firm commitment in this report to prevent anyone from saying in the future when more of the Trident money had been spent: we may as well keep it. The option at Torquay remained intact - a deal including Trident could be struck with the Conservatives and the Liberals could be dragged into it. He had no doubt the SDP leadership kept that in mind.

They were dithering with a so-called European missile which was as unnecessary as Trident and in addition was beset with insurmountable difficulties. The stark fact was that Russia saw Britain as a vast American base and transit camp and in a conventional



Mr Michael Meadowcroft, the Liberal MP for Leeds West, speaking in yesterday's debate (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

war an early Soviet task would be to cripple it, whether it had the bomb or not. If Britain hid back with nuclear weapons it would be immediately wiped out. What they needed was a rational and civilized defence policy. The amendment did not go far enough. They should reject the motion with its carefully built-in seductive and dangerous ambiguities. They should not be stampeded into further errors by fear of a spring election but preserve the true Liberal identity.

Mr Viv Bingham, parliamentary candidate for West Derbyshire, former Liberal Deputy and a vice-chairman of CND, said the commission report had given the potential for hope. All he pleaded for was the addition of a few words, in the amendment calling for non-nuclear defence, which would give a little bit more hope to the people of this country as well as to the people of this party and the Alliance, more hope that the threat of nuclear war could be reduced and eventually eliminated from Britain and the rest of the world.

## NEXT ELECTION Party 'on best form for half a century'

Big bad wolf Norman Tebbit could huff and puff, but he was not going to blow the Liberal house down, Mr Paul Tyler, Chairman of the party, said, presenting the annual report to the assembly. The Liberals were in better shape for the coming general election than at any comparable time for the past 50 years and their target should be nothing less than 12 million votes, he said.

Mr Tyler added: "We are seen to be good at winning elections. People like voting for us. Sick of ping pong Party games, people are voting, increasingly and consistently, for the Alliance. We have built a solid structure on firm popular support. We have become a formidable election-winning movement."

He said that the Liberals could not permit themselves the luxury of any more near-misses, such as the by-election in Newcastle-under-Lyme. He added, urging all Liberals to help at the coming skirmish in Knowsley, North, that they could make an impact which would carry them through to polling day.

## Rebuff to Owen on hung House

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

The Liberal Assembly yesterday voted to shackle Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen by insisting that negotiations with other parties in a hung Parliament should not be conducted solely by the two Alliance leaders but by an elected team from both parties.

And in a calculated rebuff to Dr Owen it warned that any weakening of the commitment to achieving proportional representation as part of any deal with another political party would be a betrayal. In a move which has thrown into some confusion the procedures to be followed by the Alliance in the event of a hung parliament, the assembly voted overwhelmingly in favour of a plan under which the negotiations would be conducted through a negotiating team comprised of the two leaders and other representatives elected by the parties' MPs.

It insisted that the progress of such negotiations should be reported back to the two parliamentary parties for approval and decision throughout. The decision goes against the firmly expressed wish of Dr Owen that Steel in a letter to parliamentary candidates earlier this year that they should be given a free hand in the talks. And with an equivalent decision by the SDP to impose restraint over Dr Owen, it leaves the parties with differing arrangements for the critical talks which would follow an inconclusive election. Although he was reluctant to have his hands tied Mr Steel did not oppose yesterday's decision in the knowledge that a majority of his MPs favoured it. Having rattled some feathers in the parliamentary party over his tough stand on Polaris, he was clearly unwilling to engage in another confrontation. It was said that he was fairly relaxed about the change because it would be his intention in any case to consult his colleagues throughout the hung parliament talks.

## PARTY FUNDS A narrow victory over fees

The Liberal Party national executive plans for increased affiliation fees from constituencies survived criticism and defeat at the hands of the rank and file by only the narrowest of margins.

The assembly carried by 283 votes to 255, a majority of 28, plans for two constituency party affiliation fees: £400 and a fee calculated on valid membership cards.

Mr Andrew Ellis, secretary general of the party, said that in 1987 they needed £405,000 from the constituencies to do all the campaigning work to which the party had pledged itself three years ago.

While it had been a reasonably satisfactory financial year with the deficit of £37,602 slightly in excess of the budgeted deficit, they had funded only 85 per cent of expenditure compared with 92 per cent in 1985. If there was real determination to give support it would be possible to maintain full campaign strength up to the General Election.

## Sex advice 'is needed' in schools

Calls for increased sex education in schools and greater help at all stages for pregnant teenagers were made at a fringe meeting arranged by the Maternity Alliance and Brook Advisory Centres.

Mr Elizabeth Skields, MP for Ryedale, said prevention was better than abortion and that could be achieved through seeing schoolchildren, boys and girls, were advised and helped on sex matters.

While pressure on the school curriculum meant sex education was never likely to become a regular subject, it should be possible to have men and women, qualified, experienced and preferably married, to go round schools and talk to children. While many children got on well with teachers, she said, it was not always easy for youngsters to talk to them on such a personal topic. Children might find it easier with a sympathetic stranger.

## ENVY'S LETTER Steel's anger at 'cheek'

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

An embarrassed Mr David Steel yesterday accused the South African ambassador of "cheek" and "diplomatic behaviour over a letter sent to delegates at the assembly disclosing that Mr Steel is to pay a visit soon to South Africa.

Mr Denis Worrall wrote to Liberals setting out the South African case on sanctions, despite the furore over a similar letter sent to SDP delegates in Harrogate last week.

But what particularly upset Mr Steel was the disclosure by Mr Worrall that Mr Steel is to go to South Africa next month, and his claim, based on discussions with the Liberal leader, that he understood the South African government's view that there was no rapid solution to the South Africa crisis.

The letter, posted to delegates at their Eastbourne hotels, led Mr Steel swiftly to put out a statement giving details of his fact-finding tour as the guest of the University of Cape Town. He said that he had not yet publicized it because his programme was not yet complete. He is awaiting a reply from Mr Worrall to his request to be allowed to visit Nelson Mandela in prison.

## HUNG PARLIAMENT Talks with Thatcher 'out of order'

A standing ovation greeted the declaration by Mr David Alton, MP for Mossley Hill and Liberal Chief Whip, that the Liberal Party "would not treat" with Mrs Thatcher in the event of a hung Parliament.

It would insist that Mrs Thatcher was despatched to Denmark the moment the general election was over, he said. His was the keynote speech in a debate under the theme "After the General Election" at the end of which the Liberal assembly carried a resolution setting out the guidelines which Liberal MPs with their SDP colleagues should follow in negotiations with other political parties in the event of a balanced Parliament.

The resolution called for maximum possible implementation of Alliance policies, negotiations over ministerial positions only when satisfactory arrangements over working practices and policies had been reached. It also stated that negotiations should be conducted through a negotiating team comprising Mr Steel and Dr Owen and representatives elected by the two parliamentary parties.

Mr Alton said he wanted to dispel the myth that after the election the Liberals and Social Democrats would go their separate ways. The Alliance was strong and true. They would not barter for Cabinet seats and ministerial limousines in return for dropping things like electoral reform. Without electoral reform, any temporary deal spatchcocked together would be a gross betrayal and would not be worth a candle.

Another myth was that the other parties would negotiate with them. That was humbug. He wrote: "I know that your leader recognizes that important changes have taken place. In fact South Africa has advanced far towards creating a society in which social and economic opportunities are open to all - regardless of colour. He added: "There are no quick-fix solutions. In his statement Mr Steel said: "It is cheeky for the South African ambassador to send letters to our assembly delegates. He seems to have learned nothing from the roasting the SDP gave him for doing the same thing; but it is even more astonishing that he should use this unsolicited circular to announce my visit to South Africa before I have done so myself."

## HOMELESSNESS International year of aid welcomed

The programme "Cathy Come Home" has shocked the nation 20 years ago with its revelations of the problems of the homeless, today she still had to come home. Mr Mark Hayes, parliamentary candidate for Saffron Walden, said.

He was, successfully, proposing a motion welcoming the declaration of 1987 as International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. Mr Hayes said that despite greater knowledge of the problems, the plight of the home-

less continued to grow. The number accepted as homeless had doubled between 1978 and 1985. Housing cuts meant that even those accepted did not get adequate housing but had to make do with bed and breakfast accommodation. The horrendous size of the problem was illustrated by the ever increasing number of single people living rough in the streets of our cities, and in the fields in rural areas.

The Conservative answer was cruel changes to the benefit regulations which forced young people to move from town to town. Next year would provide an unparalleled opportunity to campaign for a change in policy with more money to be invested in new property in both public and private sectors and more done to encourage private rented accommodation. To loud applause he concluded: "Our message must be clear, 'Cathy, it is time you had a home'."

Mr Stephen Connolly, parliamentary candidate for Derby North, said he had to oppose the proposal, not because he was against the International Year, but because the motion did not offer active support.



Mr Mark Hayes, parliamentary candidate for Saffron Walden, speaking in yesterday's debate (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

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# Ban on lawyers in small claims courts is suggested

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Proposals for substantially widening the scope of the small claims courts to enable the public to pursue claims quickly and cheaply without the help of lawyers are put forward by the Lord Chancellor's Department today.

The small claims procedure, used last year by individuals and small firms to settle some 45,000 disputes about sums of £500 or less, could be used for disputes involving larger sums, the department suggests in a consultation paper.

It might also be extended to cases involving "greater complexity of law or fact" with a view to cutting delays and costs.

At the same time the officials canvass a proposal to prohibit lawyers altogether from the small claims hearings, which are already geared for use by the public without a lawyer. Such a proposal might "help the individual litigant and improve the image of the small claims procedure", it says.

Alternatively the law might be changed so that non-lawyers, such as advice workers, would be granted unrestricted rights of audience at those hearings.

At present, non-lawyers can represent claimants before tribunals only, although they can appear in small claims courts with the registrar's permission.

The proposals come at a time when the Government is already suggesting - amid much opposition from lawyers - that advice workers could replace solicitors and give free legal advice under the legal aid scheme.

Today's paper, including a study of the small claims system commissioned from Touche Ross management consultants and based on

consumers' views, is part of a much wider review of civil justice and comments are invited in preparation for a forthcoming paper by the Lord Chancellor on the whole spectrum of the civil courts.

In particular it asks if a new intermediate kind of adjudication, based on the small claims procedure and simpler than a full trial, is needed for other cases, such as claims of between £1,000 and £5,000, with a judge or registrar presiding.

Such cases might be those suited to arbitration and where the costs of a full trial are disproportionate to the amount involved, but where more pre-trial attention is needed than with small claims.

The paper concludes that there is a high level of consumer satisfaction with the fairness of the small claims system. But there are weaknesses, in particular the marked variation in the amount of time courts take to deal with cases - from less than 16 weeks to more than 36 weeks.

It suggests several reforms: courts, and not the parties in the case, should set a timetable for the case; registrars should act more "inquisitorially" to find out the facts of the case and iron out any imbalances in forensic skill between the parties; courts should do away with preliminary hearings and dispose of cases at a single hearing.

It finally proposes that the public's preference for the title "small claims court" should be officially adopted and used in the relevant court forms. The court would remain part of the High Court.

Lord Chancellor's Department, Civil Justice Review consultation paper: small claims. (From Neville House, Page Street, SW1 4LS; £1.)



The Endellion String Quartet performing outside the home in Ebury Street, central London, where Mozart lived in 1764, aged eight. Mr Leslie Howard (standing), was commissioned by the Cricklade Festival to complete the half-finished Mozart Quartet-Movement K464A, considered a late work. The players (left to right) are Andrew Watkinson, Ralph de Souza, Garfield Jackson and David Waterman. The work's world premiere will be given at the festival, on Saturday. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

# Bomb plot trial told of 'IRA gypsy contact'

Gypsy Mr Thomas Maguire, an alleged provisional IRA "go-between", described to police a Dublin contact who looked like a loo-haired gypsy woman, the Central Criminal Court in London was told yesterday.

Detective Sergeant John Sale said that Mr Maguire, aged 27, told British detectives that the mysterious Greta was "like a gypsy Petuengro". Mr Maguire, who is accused of helping to organize a plan to blow up a public house in Blackpool, denied being a member of any proscribed organisation when he was seized last year under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Sergeant Sale said that when officers broke into Mr Maguire's flat in Milbourne Street, Blackpool, and arrested him in an early morning raid, he told them: "I can't believe this".

During later interrogation, Sergeant Sale said, Mr Maguire maintained he had no interest in politics. But the Irishman, a graduate of University College Dublin, eventually admitted having been active in H Block demonstrations. Mr Maguire pleads not guilty to conspiring in January 1982 and April 1983 with Mr Patrick Magee, Mr Patrick Murray and others to cause an explosion. The case continues today.

# Advice on medicines ignored by patients

Between 30 and 50 per cent of British patients, some of whom are seriously ill, do not comply with prescribers' instructions, the British Pharmaceutical Conference was told yesterday. Mr John Sharp, a project manager of the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry, said that an even higher percentage of elderly people did not comply with instructions about taking medicines.

"Many patients make errors of omission or commission that could endanger their health," he said. Dr Derek Balun, a community pharmacist in Edgware, north London, told an audience of 1,000 pharmacists, who attended the annual conference in Jersey, that serious illness did not always cause patients to exercise greater care to comply with instructions.

"The disease appears to be relatively unimportant as a determinant of compliance. This includes its severity, degree of disability which results, its duration and any previous hospitalization", he said.

"The most interesting fact to have come out of investigations is that the severity of disease as perceived by the patient cannot be correlated with compliance. This is counter to common wisdom."

# Big surge in building contracts

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

New construction figures due out today will disclose a big surge in building in Britain over the past 12 months.

Figures from The Department of Environment are expected to show that over the past three months orders for private houses are up by 10 per cent on the same period a year ago, while those for commercial development have increased by 25 per cent.

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, believes that total orders for new building work, including private and public sector housing and industrial and commercial work, are now at a higher level since 1979.

With the continuing increase in orders, the Government is confident 1986 will be the fifth successive year in which the construction industry's output has increased, which has not happened since the 1950s.

# Equipment enters drill test site

By Trudi McIntosh

Villagers sang hymns yesterday after scattering flower petals in the path of a convoy of drilling equipment arriving at the proposed nuclear waste dump at Fulbeck, Lincolnshire.

Police lined the main road to the site and perimeter fence as the seven lorries and trucks arrived at the former airfield.

Protesters from the Lincolnshire Against Nuclear Dumping group had earlier agreed to allow the convoy in to the site.

Villagers and members of the environmental group, Greenpeace, camped overnight to mount the protest.

The move by Nirex, the government nuclear waste agency, came after a month-long blockade by protesters from surrounding villages.

Test drilling at all four proposed dumps is expected to start within three weeks. Six people arrested on Monday at the Killingholme dump site in south Humberside have been released.

# Enigma codes

## How Churchill arrived at a fighting strategy

By David Sapsted

Winston Churchill relied almost entirely on the Enigma decoding machine to decide every aspect of Britain's fighting strategy in the Second World War, according to a book published this week.

The Prime Minister, along with a small circle of close advisers, used the decrypts of top-secret messages from Berlin to determine everything from the date of the Battle of Alamein to the timing for D-Day.

"For the first time it is possible to see how Churchill's knowledge of the German messages affected our strategy down to the smallest detail," Mr Martin Gilbert says in his book, *Road to Victory*.

"Only 12 people, including Churchill, were allowed to know how this remarkable system dictated our every move in the war. Not even Sir John Colville [the Prime Minister's private secretary] was in on the secret."

According to Mr Gilbert's research, Churchill would meet twice daily with three other men, the then General Sir Alan Brooke, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal and A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, to pore over the Enigma reports coming from the Bletchley base. Sometimes, they were in possession of Hitler's orders even before German commanders on the Eastern Front or in North Africa. The four

some would decide what to do purely on the basis of the messages, with Churchill occasionally being alerted by the military chiefs in what Mr Gilbert regards as a "bizarre display of democracy".

When the plans were being hatched for D-Day, the author adds, the decision to move was not made until it was clear Berlin had been fooled into believing a Russian build-up was under way for offensives in Norway and Bulgaria.

Only when the Enigma decrypts showed that the German High Command had been deceived into shifting troops from France to the north and east did Churchill give his blessing to a second front.

"The timing of Alamein was put back until Churchill was sure the Germans could not fight effectively for long. The intelligence we were getting made it impossible for Rommel to win," Mr Gilbert says.

The system only worked, he explains, because Berlin could not believe its top-secret codes had been cracked and because the Enigma process was never betrayed.

"When I set out to write this book, I wanted to determine the extent of Churchill's influence on the war. It turned out that the overriding influence was the effect of our signals intelligence on him," Mr Gilbert says. *Road to Victory* (William Heinemann, £20).



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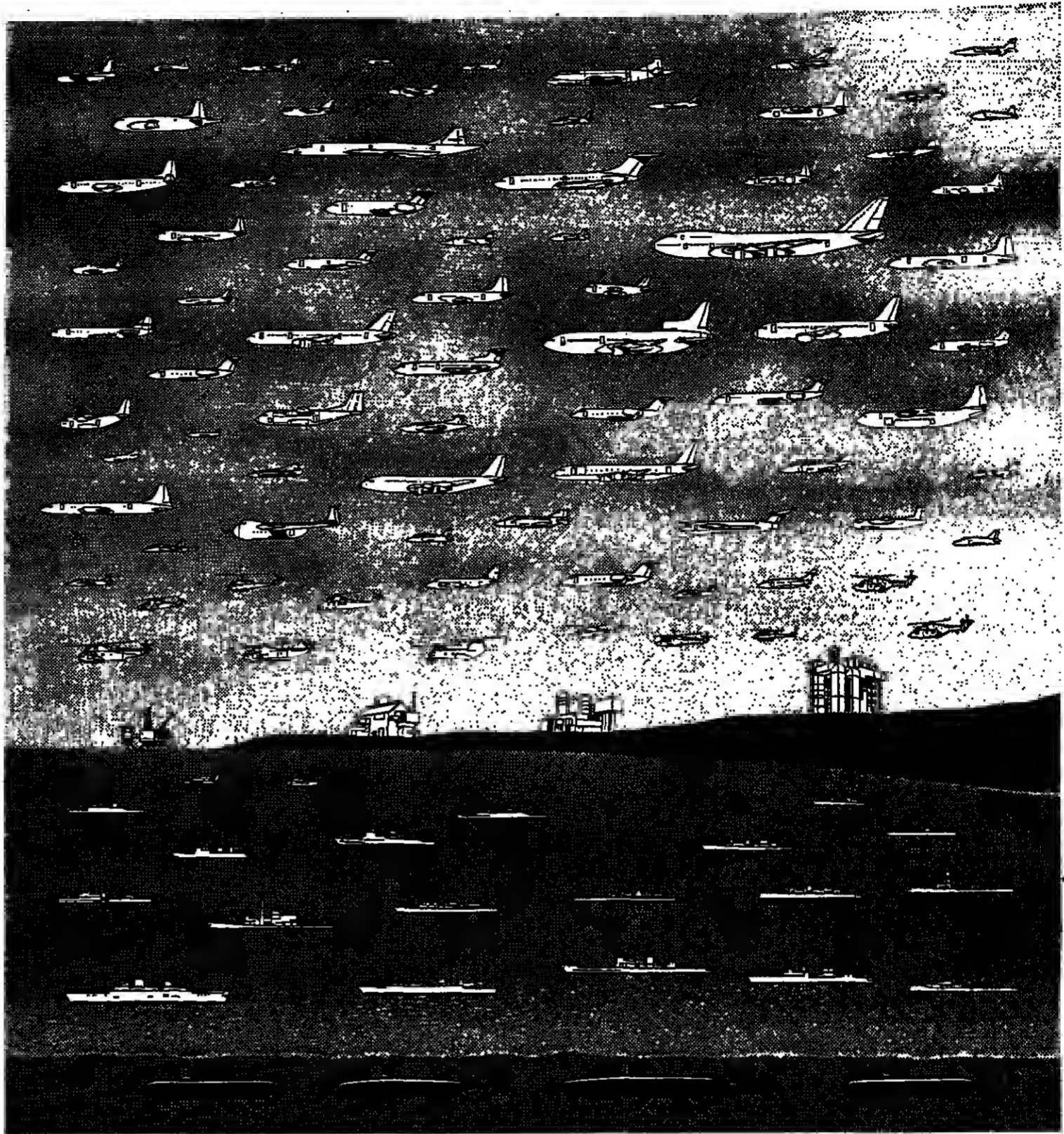
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Scotland takes top place in RICS/The Times conservation scheme.

Restoring grandeur of Stevenson's day wins 1986 award

By Caroline Moorehead

"A pleasant gabled house set among some brave young woods by the walk-side" was how Robert Louis Stevenson described Pilrig House in Edinburgh, which was announced last night as winner of the 1986 Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and The Times Conservation Awards.

Stevenson's grandfather, Lewis Balfour, was born in Pilrig in 1777 and the building featured in both Kidnapped and Catriona. Pilrig House, a late example of a traditional Scottish laird's home, built in 1638, wins first prize in the privately funded schemes category of the awards. The other category, for publicly funded schemes, has no first prize winner, but joint second prizes go to an eighteenth century tenement building in the Royal Mile of Edinburgh, Advocate's Close, and to a Georgian house in Worcester, 163 London Road.

Six buildings have won prizes in the two categories, with a further nine commended, from a total of 60 schemes entered under the 1986 theme of "Conserving Residential Property".

It is the sixteenth RICS/The Times Conservation Award, the project having been launched in 1971 to honour European Heritage Year and to encourage people to be

more conscious of the importance of conservation. Entrants had to be properties built as one or several residences and converted - with a completion date set between January 1983 and December 1985 - to a number of flats. All conversions to non-residential use were excluded.

Church cottages, manor houses, terrace houses, converted schools and stables all appear among the entrants. The six winners - a laird's home, a timber-framed wing of a former large house, a tenement building, a stone-clad Georgian house and a nineteenth century listed house, some almshouses - reflect the enormous diversity of the schemes submitted.

Skill and ingenuity in conversion were not enough: entrants had to prove value for money, inventiveness in solving technical difficulties, efficiency in planning and building, and show that the finished result enhanced the appearance of the surroundings.

Pilrig House was once a somewhat plain building, to which subsequent owners had added a Greek classical doorway, timber panelling, decorative plasterwork and finally a Victorian wing. The house fell into disuse after

being given to the City of Edinburgh in 1941 for use as a museum.

Natural decay, persistent vandalism and, in 1971, a fire, had reduced the house to a ruin. When, in 1983, Wimpey Homes Holdings and Michael Laird and Partners, a firm of architects, won the contract to restore the house to its original state they found an almost totally derelict shell.

After that, it was a case of faithful reconstruction. Wimpey and the architects embarked on an exhaustive programme of research, digging up old photographs, drawings and books to help them recreate the house as precisely as possible.

Any stonework that could be salvaged from the rubble was put to one side and used again. Bit by bit, stone by stone, the marriage lintel saved and put back and the turnpike stair refashioned, Pilrig grew back into its former shape. Alongside, the architects laid out a small sunken garden, with plants they believe would have been growing there in the early seventeenth century.

The restored house and garden have transformed Pilrig Park from a wilderness dominated by a blackened and crumbling ruin to a charming and inviting place.



Mr Rogers (left) and Mr Laird, the architects, outside Pilrig House, the 1986 winner.

No first prize was awarded in the publicly funded category because the entrants did not meet all the requirements. For the most part imaginatively and skilfully converted outside, the buildings were almost without exception disappointing inside.

Advocate's Close won its joint second prize for the immense improvement it brings to the Royal Mile and for the ingenuity of its conversion, while the Worcester property won on the strength of its design.

Winners and commendations

Privately funded schemes  
First prize: Pilrig House, Bonnington Road, Edinburgh. A Scottish laird's house of 1638. Michael Laird and Partners.

Second prize: Tanyard, Farnham, Surrey. Sixteenth century timber-framed wing of a now vanished much larger house. The Farnham Building Preservation Trust.

Third prize: Harpenden Lodge, Luton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. A Grade II listed house of 1803. Planwell Properties (Herts).

Publicly funded schemes  
Joint second prize: Advocate's Close, High Street, Edinburgh. Eighteenth century tenement building in the Royal Mile. McMenan & Brown, 163 London Road, Worcester. The Sprial Housing Association.

Third prize: Greenwood Almshouses, 15 Rousden Street, London NW1. Two-room tenements of the 1840s. Peter Mishcon Associates, for St Pancras.

Commendations.  
1. Private sector 8-10 Golden Lion Court, Whitehaven, Cumbria. British Nuclear Fuels,

3, 5 and 7 Ogleforth, York and Charity of Jane Wright, Orchard House, Banbury Road, Litchborough, Northants. Benjamin Smith.

2. Public sector Dial House, 790 High Road, London N19. Levitt Bernstein Associates, for Metropolitan Housing Trust and London Borough of Haringey.

Manor House, Park Lane, Bristol. Bristol City Council, for Manor House Trust for Aged Ladies.

Phase 2 Queen Anne's Court, Barnstaple, Devon. Sprial Housing Association. 1 & 3 Hollybank Road, Birkenhead, Venture Housing Association.

3 Huskisson Street, Liverpool. Ken Worrall, for Canning Co-operative Housing.

The Old Guild Hall, Clavering, Essex. Essex County Council.

Next year's conservation award, with the theme A New Lease of Life, is open to the private and public sectors and will consist of two groups:  
1. Residential property or properties converted to non-residential use.  
2. Non-residential property converted to residential.

The closing date for entries is January 31, 1987.

A forest haven for Britain's reptiles

By Hugh Clayton

An agreement signed yesterday deep in a Dorset forest will protect some of the last surviving patches of countryside inhabited by all six native British reptiles.

The deal between the British Herpetological Society and the Forestry Commission underlines the new commitment of the commission, the largest land owner in Britain and owner of all the country's nationalized woodland, to encourage and protect wild life in its timber plantations.

"Forest management now has a lot of conservation requirements built into it", Mr Martin Orrom, environment officer for the west region of the commission, explained. "They are not bolt-on extras any more". The land in Wareham Forest, between Tolpuddle and Bournemouth, includes some of the best snake and lizard habitats in Britain.

Mr Keith Corbett, conservation officer with the society, arrived to sign the agreement with one of only about 2,000 adult smooth snakes left in Britain. It started through bright yellow eyes and darted its forked tongue towards the patch of open heather which the commission has agreed to leave clear of trees to encourage the local reptiles.

"This sort of heathland used to occur over a vast part of Dorset", Mr Corbett said. "Now it is reduced to little remnants."

Deeper in the forest, Mr Eric Masters, a senior ranger with the commission, stood under a ramrod-straight pine tree destined to become a telegraph pole. His job had been extended from controlling deer and squirrels to looking after the bats that nested in the boxes nailed to the tree.

He extracted a long-eared bat from a cloth bag and said the forest had become an outstanding haven for wildlife.

The poisonous adder is found in the forest as well as the non-poisonous grass and smooth snakes, not to mention all three British lizards, including the plump and extremely scarce sand lizard.

The smooth snake is the only constrictor found wild in Britain. It coils itself round a lizard before swallowing it in one piece. It can reach a length of 72cm and live for more than 25 years.

Tory book considers national policing

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Concern within the Conservative Party about the ability of the police to remain free from political control and react to national emergencies has led to consideration of the need for a national police force.

A booklet by the Conservative Study Group on Crime envisages the force being accountable nationally through the Home Secretary, provided it served only England and Wales.

Initially, at least, it would seem proper for the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Ireland and perhaps Wales to retain responsibility for their own national forces, the booklet says.

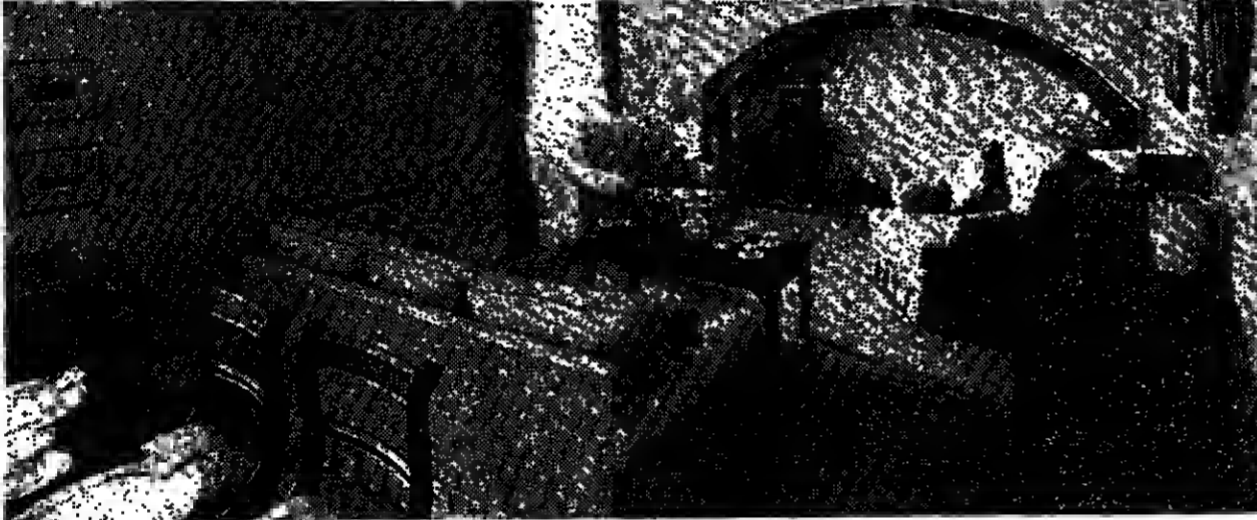
Police intelligence would be better co-ordinated at national and local level, to anticipate more effectively potential outbreaks of civil disorder and serious crime, it says. But the local unit would be accountable to local consultative committees given strengthened statutory recognition.

There have been attempts to bring the operational and professional discretion of chief constables in Liverpool, Manchester and the West Midlands under close political control. Similar tendencies by left-wing councils in the London area have been mooted, the booklet says.

"The 'constitutional' solution to these threats would be to make the whole police service accountable to Parliament through ministers: in other words to establish a national police force."

An independent inspectorate would be responsible for the whole country. As in the case of other professions, the public should be able to lay complaints before an ombudsman or parliamentary commissioner. It would replace the existing Police Complaints Authority.

But the booklet says there are also strong arguments "for leaving things more or less as they are". In England and Wales, the individual police officer holds the office of constable under the Crown. That status reinforces the independence of chief constables. Its removal would make the introduction of a police state that much easier.



The interior of one of the flats within what was until recently a fire-blackened ruin.

Pilrig House, built 1638. Burnt down, 1971. Restored by Wimpey Homes and Michael Laird & Partners, architects, 1986.



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Opening the scheme officially, the Minister for Local Government and the Environment generously complimented the skills of all the craftsmen involved "who

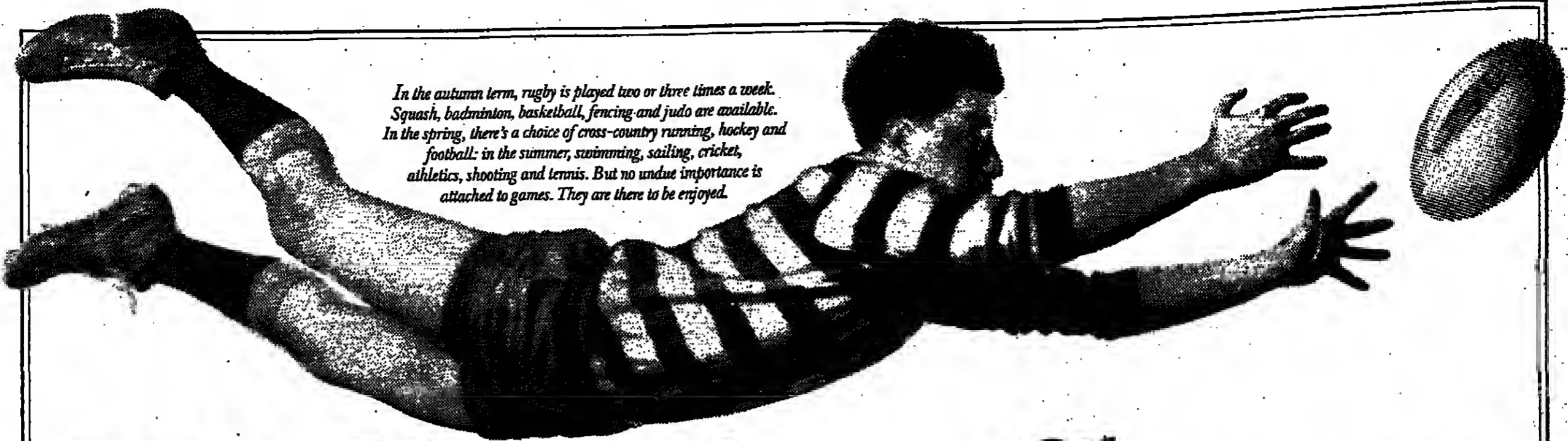
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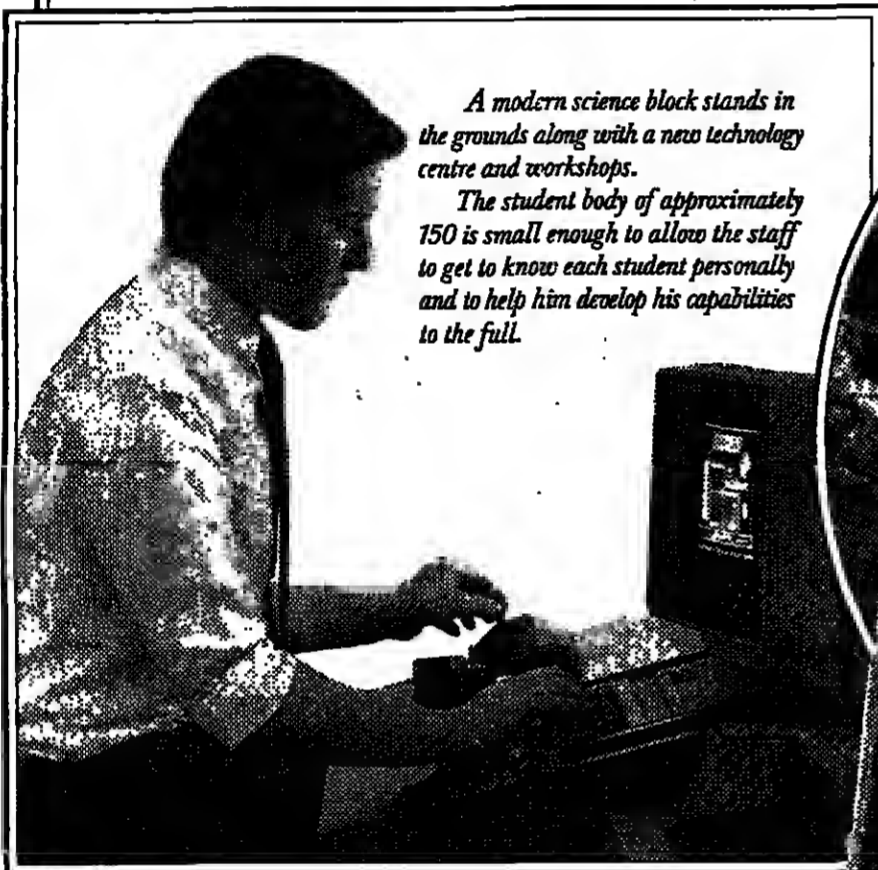
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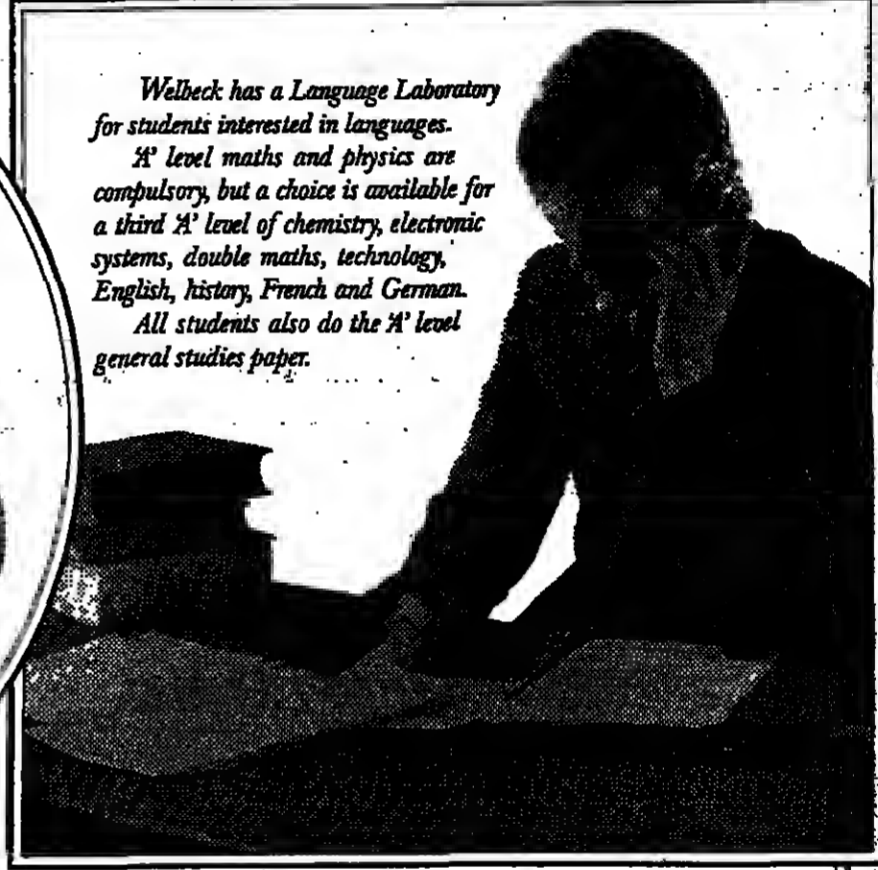
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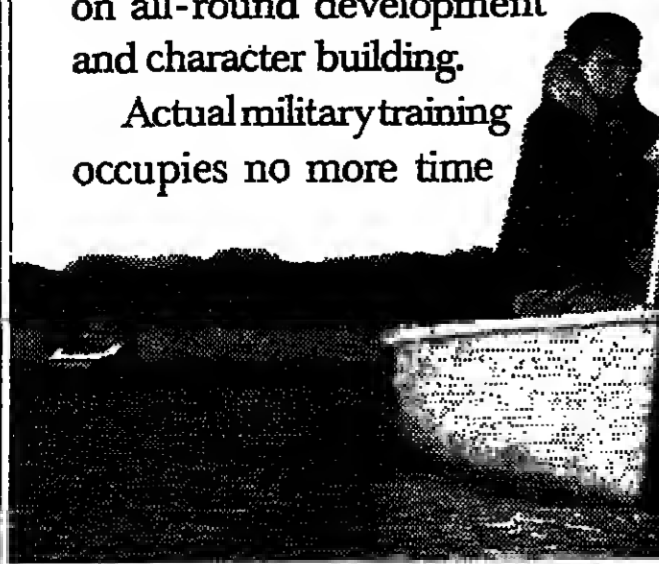
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The Chernobyl aftermath

Western disaster predicted

From Pearce Wright Vienna

The next Chernobyl-type nuclear power station disaster will occur in Europe or North America within five to eight years, according to an international study commissioned by Greenpeace International, to be published today.

This is the main conclusion of the Reactor Hazards Report, a document prepared for a special meeting of government ministers of the 120-member countries of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In principle, politicians will put the finishing touches over the next three days to a

number of conventions to impose tighter safety standards on the nuclear industry, to ensure better early warnings to neighbouring countries of an accident and to provide for expert relief in coping with a disaster.

That is the intention of the so-called "Western nuclear industry club", comprising the United States, Britain, France and West Germany, together with the Soviet Union.

Countries like Austria and Sweden, which have declared a moratorium on nuclear expansion, and Norway and Denmark, which suffered from the fall-out of Chernobyl, are taking a different line. At the very least,

they seek sanctions, in terms of financial compensation, for "transboundary" radioactive contamination.

The ministerial meeting is the political sequel to a technical conference in August at which Russian experts presented the details of their inquiry into Chernobyl.

After reviewing the information, the member states of the "nuclear industry club" came to an understanding for the support of future safety conventions.

But the committed nuclear countries face opposition from an alliance of "green" organizations from the US, Canada, Britain, France, Germany, The Netherlands and

Scandinavia which commissioned the study on reactor safety.

Its findings are being called the "seven-year accident cycle" among those who have seen the pre-publication copies.

The inquiry looked at the seven types of atomic reactors which form the bulk of the world's nuclear power stations, in the light of the Chernobyl accident.

The study was arranged by a former nuclear industry scientist, Dr Helmut Hirsch, who now directs the Ecological Research Group in Hanover, north Germany.

Other individuals with industrial backgrounds who contributed to the study were Mr Gordon Thompson, from the US, Mr Ralph Torrie, from Canada, Mr Mycle Schneider from France, and two Britons, Mr Richard Anderson and Mr John Large.

They conclude that Chernobyl showed that the three articles of faith on which the nuclear industry was based were false.

These were: ● A large accident releasing the contents of a nuclear reactor could not happen; ● People had never been killed directly by a nuclear power station accident;

● A nuclear-bomb explosion could not occur in the uranium fuel of a nuclear power station.

Their inquiries looked at the "excuses" that each country's industry made as to why the Chernobyl reactor design was unique in its lack of safety features.

The "green" advisers say that it had a secondary containment system comparable with that in many Western reactors, and better than some.

Reactors with comparable pressure tube design, and reactors with large graphite cores, were all designed, built and operated in the West.

Emission greater than all of world's bombs and testing

From Paul Valley, New York

to the development of cancers and genetic diseases.

Apologists for the nuclear industry in the West have pointed out that unit 4 at Chernobyl did not have as massive a steel and concrete containment cap as do Western reactors. But the report says it was unlikely that any cap could have withstood the massive Chernobyl blast.

The cause of the disaster, the study reveals, was a test which the Russians considered routine. It was designed to see whether the plant's turbines

Austria yesterday ordered the dismantling of its only nuclear power plant, at Zwentendorf, in what was probably its last key decision before general elections on November 23 (Reuters reports from Vienna).

The plant was never used because of a 1978 referendum, which voted narrowly against putting it into operation.

would continue running with enough energy to power emergency equipment if the reactor was shut down. It was carried out by electrical experts and not physicists.

The test was to be conducted at 20 per cent power. But the control to cut the power was inadequately regulated. It dropped to 1 per cent, at which level the reactor was inherently unstable. "It was like trying to balance a baseball on top of a watermelon," Dr Kouts said.

A computer readout indicated the extreme danger and warned that the reactor should be shut down immediately. But the operators proceeded with the test.

They had, at some time in the previous 24 hours, illegally turned off the safety device

which would have brought automatic shut-down. Their motive was that they wanted to be able to repeat the test, and needed the reactor running.

So they raised the power to 6 per cent and held it there despite a rule that it should not operate below 20 per cent. To increase the power the operator raised 211 of the 215 control rods from the reactor's core in contravention of an order which says that 30 is the minimum safe number.

Yet despite all this the situation could have been saved in the last 40 seconds, the report says. It was 36 seconds later that the operators realized their mistake.

They tried to shut down the reactor by dropping control rods into the core. But they dropped by gravity and that would have taken about 10 seconds, much slower than in western reactors.

At 1.23 am on April 26 unit 4 blew apart. The fuel atomized. The graphite, which normally operates at temperatures of 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit to accelerate the chain reaction which produces the power, caught fire. There were at least two explosions; the second was possibly a steam one, a third perhaps hydrogen. The 1,000-ton steel cover disintegrated.

About 25 per cent of the radiation was released immediately, the report says, and the rest over the next eight days. More than eight tons of radioactive waste were blasted like a gigantic firework display into the atmosphere.

That fact emphasizes the need for broad emergency measures to protect a large number of people over a wide area for a considerable time, the Western scientists say.



A fireman in Omaha, Nebraska, struggling through hail more than knee deep after a violent thunderstorm which needed snowploughs to clear city streets on Monday.

Brigadier is new envoy to Israel

Jerusalem - The peace between Israel and Egypt became a little warmer yesterday when Brigadier General Mohammed Bassiouny presented his credentials as Egypt's second Ambassador to Israel (Ian Murray writes).

Egypt withdrew its Ambassador after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982, and it was only this month that President Mubarak agreed to restore diplomatic relations at the highest level.

£2bn loans

Helsinki (Reuters) - Finland will borrow 14.7 billion marks (£2 billion), 23 per cent more than in the current year, to balance its budget for the financial year 1987.

Fair threat

Los Angeles - The Mayor of Los Angeles, Mr Tom Bradley, recommended that the city's annual street fair should be abolished because of growing street violence.

Ecevit cleared

Ankara (AP) - The former Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Bulent Ecevit, has been cleared of violating a law barring him from political activity.

Britons die

Williams, Arizona (AP) - Five people, including four Britons, died in a two-vehicle accident when one driver turned off the ignition to coast and lost his power steering.

Space debris

Brussels (AFP) - Unidentified flying objects seen over France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg could have been Soviet space debris burning out in the upper atmosphere, scientists said.

Czechoslovak guards fire as 2 cross border

Bonn - Czechoslovak border guards opened fire on two East German men who escaped to West Germany on Monday night, only four days after they shot and fatally wounded a West German during another escape, Bavarian border police said yesterday (John England writes).

A police spokesman in Munich said two men, both tradesmen aged 22, escaped unhurt near Mähring, in the Tirschenreuth district of Bavaria.

A wary Church meets the state in Poland

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's Catholic Church leaders yesterday held important talks with the Government, the first consultations since the authorities freed more than 200 political prisoners and said they were willing to listen to domestic critics.

The Church is in favour of such consultation but does not want it to be run according to Communist Party rules. The Church and Solidarity agree that the problem with these attempts at opening up more pluralism in Polish society is that the Government is essentially choosing who it wants to talk with.

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British pledge of action on air transport

Brussels - Efforts to liberalize air transport in Europe and move toward cheaper air fares are to be intensified before Britain gives up the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers in December, Mr John Moore, the Minister of Transport, said yesterday (Richard Owen writes).

Addressing the Transport Committee of the European Parliament, he said that he was calling a special EEC meeting on air transport in 10 days' time, in addition to the EEC Transport Ministers meetings already scheduled for November and December.

"The consumers of Europe have suffered too long from inflexible fares," he said.

Rau promises Germans a safe and fair future

From John England, Bonn

Herr Johannes Rau, the candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) for the West German chancellorship in the federal election in January, yesterday promised Germans a safe and socially fair future for all if his party were elected to power.

Presenting the SPD's manifesto in Bonn, Herr Rau said that its seven main points, headed by the fight against mass unemployment, presented a clear alternative to the Government's "unjust" financial and tax policies.

He said that SPD tax reforms would require financially "stronger shoulders" to support the weaker. But citi-

zens would be told who would have to make sacrifices, and who would be given tax relief.

Other main points in the SPD programme are ecological renewal of the industrial society, a secure energy supply without nuclear power, social peace and justice, real equality between men and women, defence of the liberal state based on the rule of law, and a new, greater effort for peace, easing of East-West tensions and disarmament.

The programme, approved by the SPD national executive on Monday, will be tabled for final acceptance by a party election conference in Offenbach tomorrow.

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Lebanon: Invasion worry calmed ● Hezbollah warning of bloodbath ● Unifil fate debated

Peres tries to allay fears of new push across border

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister of Israel, flew back from the UN General Assembly in New York yesterday and immediately set about trying to calm fears that Israeli troops massed along the northern border were preparing a new Lebanese invasion.

Although a considerable Israeli force, backed by tanks and heavy weapons, is poised along the border, Mr Peres made clear that he hoped they would not be used and that even the "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) militia, which Israel maintains inside the frontier "security zone", was not yet asking for help.

At the same time he said that there was no question of Israel's bowing to UN pressure to withdraw its support from the SLA, to leave the "security zone" or to allow soldiers of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) to deploy along the frontier.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, warned yesterday that anyone attacking the zone or Israel itself would suffer "a total and painful failure". He has ordered outlying SLA positions to be strengthened.

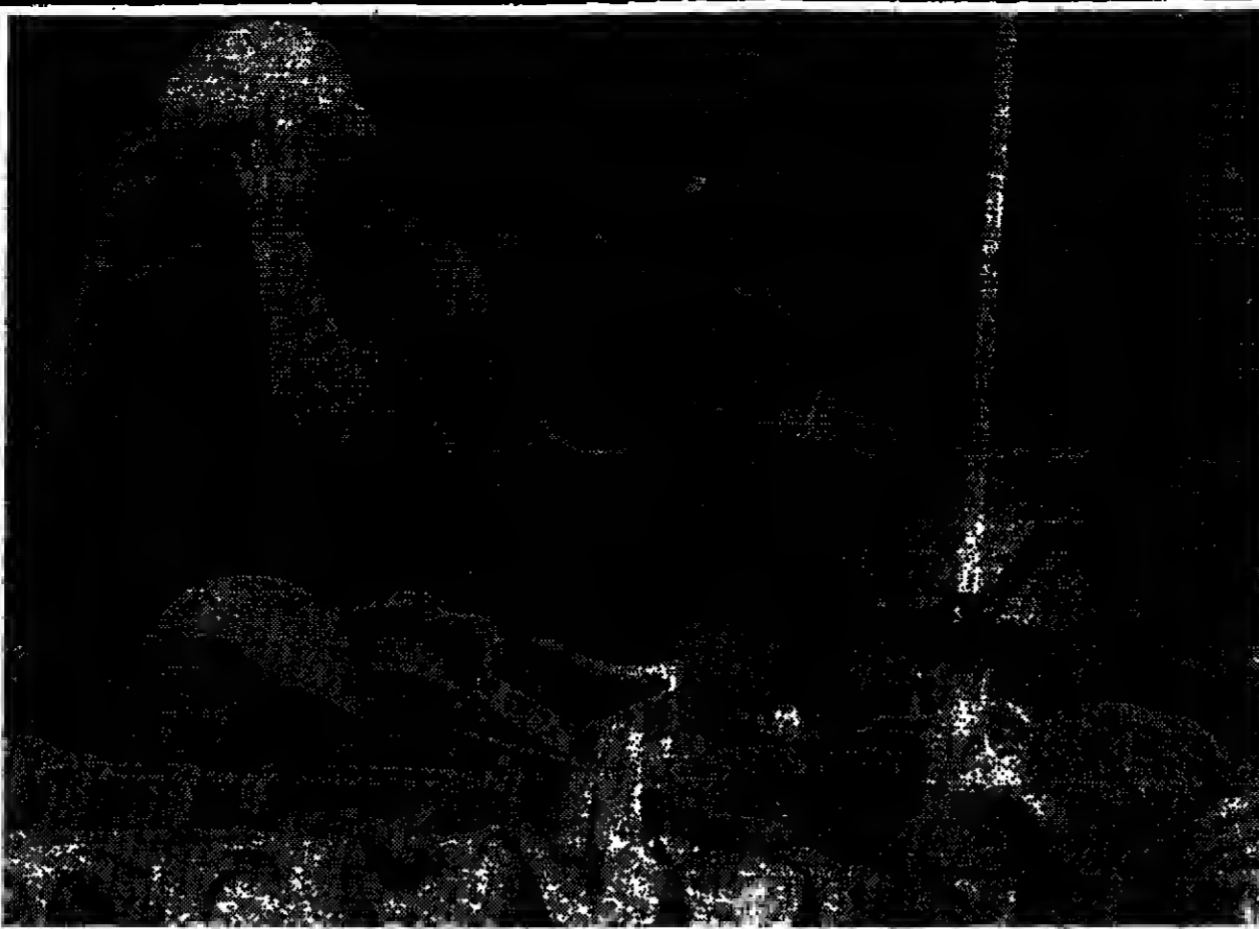
Military sources are stressing that there is no Israeli intention to increase the number of soldiers it bases in the zone or of concentrating large numbers of forces there.

Any changes in the Israeli troop strength, which is said to be fewer than 500, are only to be tactical and temporary, the sources said.

The bulk of the security work is to be left to the 2,500 men of the SLA, who are meant to be encouraged by the proximity of large numbers of Israeli reinforcements.

According to a Foreign Ministry spokesman, any Israeli raid would be mounted only on a "go in and get out quick basis".

There is no confirmation here of the persistent rumours in Lebanon that Israel means to mount a retaliatory attack against an Abu Nidal base in Lebanon over the bombing of the Istanbul synagogue earlier this month.



Israeli soldiers in an armoured personnel carrier during a patrol of the northern border with Lebanon.

Such a raid, however, cannot be ruled out, provided Israel believes it has conclusive proof that any such raid will strike at a unit involved closely in the synagogue bombing.

The key to the situation would therefore seem to be in the hands of the Shia Muslim militia and, more particularly, the pro-Iranian Hezbollah fundamentalists.

Syria threatens to hit back if Israel attacks

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The massing of Israeli troops along the Lebanese border brought forth yesterday threats of "stunning retaliation" from President Assad of Syria and warnings of a bloodbath from the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God).

Whether an Israeli ground attack has been averted or merely postponed, Lebanese guerrillas promised again to escalate their war against Israel's militia allies and to destroy the Israeli occupation zone in the south, even taking the war into Israel.

The crisis in southern Lebanon is far from over, even though the guns have yet to start firing. As Mr Hussein Musawi, one of Hezbollah's most prominent leaders in the city of Bealbek, said: "We want Rabin (the Israeli Defence Minister) to understand his surrogates is a prelude for the battle against Israel."

The Israeli army gave no sign of advancing into Lebanon during the day. But the placing of large numbers of heavy artillery batteries along the Israeli frontier and within the occupation zone led many Lebanese to suspect that rather than stage a costly incursion the Israelis might be preparing to unleash an artillery bombardment upon the Shia Muslim villages.

Israel claims that the guerrillas have emerged from these villages to attack its proxy "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) militia.

The Israelis have many times threatened to do just that. Given their practice of firing "time-on-target" barrages on to west Beirut during the siege of 1982, concentrating a large number of shells on the smallest possible area, it is not impossible that this tactic is again being considered by the Israeli army.

That certainly was what President Assad seemed to be suggesting during a meeting with Lebanese politicians in Damascus. The Israelis, he said, might fire shells across the frontier, since they were unlikely to invade. But if they did attempt a full-scale invasion, he added, "the retaliation will be stunning. It will be a surprise to all."

His warning, reported in the left-wing Beirut newspaper of *Hakika*, gave no indication what form such retaliation would take. But an Israeli incursion into the eastern Bekaa valley would bring Israeli troops to within a few miles of the Syrian front line south of Chbura.

Mr Musawi is officially leader of the Islamic Amal movement, which broke away from the Shia Amal militia in 1982 when its leader, Mr Nabih Berri, agreed to take part in a Lebanese government of National Salvation.

He provided what was perhaps the angriest response in Lebanon to the Israeli army's increased presence in the south. "If he (Mr Rabin) insists on his threats, then let him restore his proxy (the SLA) and come out to battle us face to face," he said.

Hezbollah announced that it would increase its attacks on the SLA. 16 of whose men have been killed by guerrillas in the past two weeks, until Israel was forced to dismantle its occupation zone.

There were further attacks on French UN troops in southern Lebanon during yesterday morning. Four Katyusha rockets were fired at the French battalion headquarters at Marrahah when paratrooper officers were taking breakfast in their mess.

One of the missiles, fired from a launcher 700 yards away, smashed the perimeter barbed wire, blasting in the windows and throwing the soldiers from their chairs but causing no injuries.

For the first time, Hezbollah implicitly denied yesterday being responsible for attacks on the French.

The Government does not want to fall into such a trap, but there is little doubt that it will be prepared to do so rather than to see the SLA defeated and the "security zone" endangered.



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Security Council in Lebanese labyrinth

By Zoriana Pysarivsky, New York

The United Nations Security Council has descended into the labyrinth of Lebanese politics in meetings that may well decide the fate of the UN peacekeeping force, Unifil, whose presence has taken on strategic significance in the battle for control of the south.

Ostensibly, the Council has convened at France's request to underline Unifil's growing vulnerability and to debate recommendations for enhancing security put forward by a special UN mission.

Since its confrontation with the Shia Amal militia, Unifil has suffered almost daily attacks, most of them against its 1,400-strong French contingent, which many believe to be the lifeblood of the force.

But in reality France is playing with Lebanese politics from afar. By implicitly placing in doubt its continued contribution to the force it is attempting to force Syria's hand over the pro-Iranian Hezbollah which is widely believed responsible for the recent attacks on Unifil.

Syria will be forced to choose between trying to rein in Hezbollah and risk worsening relations with Iran, or to reconcile itself with the force's departure, which would produce a vacuum in the relative stability Unifil oversees. Observers believe that vacuum could easily be filled by extremist Hezbollah gunmen.

But a major imponderable is whether Syria, whose efforts to stabilize Lebanon under its own wing appear to be unravelling, has retained enough power to influence Hezbollah.

Unifil, once thought by the Israelis to be an irritant and by the Lebanese to be a means of perpetuating the illusion of Lebanese government authority, could well become a litmus test for Syrian ability to power-broke in Lebanon and the Middle East.

At the same time, France appears to be setting the stage for a way out of southern Lebanon. Whether by accident or design, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, has found a cover for French withdrawing Israel's "security zone" for Unifil's vulnerability.

Knowing a complete Israeli withdrawal to be untenable, France endorsed his report, and provided itself with a perfect excuse to leave.

The tactic proved useful in 1984 when France began to find Beirut intolerable, provoking a Soviet veto for a UN force and then pulling out.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah's advances have had a disquieting effect on Israel itself, which has been at great pains to explain that it has no desire to see Unifil dissolved.

Platinum find brings threat to environment

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

An important platinum deposit, which would relieve Australia's dependence on South Africa for the mineral, exists in an area of the Northern Territory which has become the subject of an environmental battle.

Senator Gareth Evans, Minister for Resources and Energy, has said that the deposit has export potential.

The disclosure was intended to sustain the government argument in favour of exploiting known mineral deposits, including uranium, in Kakadu National Park, an important wetland reserve.

Announcement of Canberra's plans has caused a rebuff protest from environmentalists, and the Cabinet decided last week the area within the park's present boundaries would remain inviolable.

It also decided that an area known as stage three, which includes the Coronation Hill platinum deposit and is scheduled for incorporation into Kakadu, might be exploited if the resources were of "national economic significance".

World Bridge

Ousted pairs live again in repêchage

From A Bridge Correspondent, Miami Beach

A novel feature of the Olympic pairs bridge championships being played here is that at all stages up to the final the pairs already eliminated can re-enter the main event by way of repêchage.

The quarter-final ended in the small hours yesterday morning. One hundred and fifty-six qualified pairs will be joined by the 12 leading pairs from the repêchage in a two-day semi-final. Some 200 eliminated pairs will compete for six places in the final.

The top quarter-final pair was Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell (US). British qualifiers are Roman Smolksi and Henry Berthé (46), Tony Sower and Paul Hackett (56), Patrick Jourdain and Barry Rigal (143), and Geoff Lissing and Andy Robson (147).

The two British pairs competing in the women's championship qualified for the next start - Sally Hortye and Sandra Landy in fourth place, and Kitty Berthé and Liza Shaw in fifth place.

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# Soviet airline security faces review after hijack deaths

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A thorough review of Soviet airline security, especially covering procedures at the large number of provincial airports, many of which are geographically remote, is expected to follow Saturday's abortive seizure of a Tupolev 134 airliner with 76 passengers on board.

The bloody and still incompletely explained incident near the Ural industrial town of Ufa, some 700 miles east of Moscow — in which six people, including the two hijackers, lost their lives — was one of the most violent ever acknowledged by the authorities here.

The brief press account of the seizure of the plane and the subsequent shoot-out led many Muscovites to approach Western contacts yesterday in an effort to discover more details. But few were forthcoming because of the remoteness of the spot and the news blackout imposed by the authorities.

As has been the practice after previous reported examples of air piracy inside the Soviet Union, the terrorists involved were described only as "criminals" and "drug addicts", and no public indication was given of any political or personal motivation in seizing the aircraft, which was grounded at the time for re-fuelling.

Similar tactics aimed at eliminating any popular sympathy for hijackers occurred in 1983 when a plane was seized by a group of Georgians.

One was later described as a drug addict, another as a neo-Nazi, and the official media alleged that their action had been masterminded by a former priest, also portrayed as a "drug addict", who was a regular listener to Voice of America.

According to American sources, Saturday's attempted hijack was the 24th such incident known to have taken place in the Soviet Union since the 1950s, including defections or attempted defections in Soviet military aircraft.

Many of the previous attempts have also been unsuccessful, the majority carried out by Soviet citizens anxious to escape to the West.

The first known Soviet hijack occurred during the mid-1950s when a man and a woman armed with pistols attempted to commandeer a plane on a domestic flight over the Baltic republics, one of the parts of the Soviet Union where nationalism is strongest. Both were eventually disarmed and the flight engineer, who was killed, was made a posthumous Hero of the Soviet Union.

As the world's largest carrier, Aeroflot (official motto "speed and comfort") has in recent years already greatly increased security surrounding the estimated 4,000 scheduled flights that its fleet of approximately 2,000 planes makes every day. Precise statistics remain a closely-guarded military secret.

# Islamabad guard shot by airport intruders

Islamabad (AP) — Four unidentified gunmen who reached the main runway at the Pakistani capital's airport at the weekend shot a security guard who challenged them, officials said yesterday.

An Airport Security Force spokesman said that the gunmen were seen on the runway at about midnight on Sunday. The guard challenged the men, who opened fire with automatic weapons. He was said yesterday to be in a stable condition.

The Pakistan Government ordered immediate improvements in airport security after the Pan Am jet hijack at Karachi on September 5, during which 20 passengers were killed and four Palestinian hijackers were captured.

But the incident at Islamabad indicates that there are still security problems. The spokesman declined to speculate on the reasons for the intrusion. He said the authorities were searching for the four men.

Airport sources said that the incident took place an hour before a Saudia airliner and a British Airways 747 jumbo jet were to land.

Three Saudia offices in Karachi were bombed earlier this summer, but no-one has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

The four men arrested in the Pan Am hijack are being held in Karachi, where Pakistani security officials have expressed concern about the possibility of a rescue attempt to free them.

The four said during the hijack that they wanted to secure the release of three men being held in Cyprus. Islamabad and Karachi are the country's two main airports.



A Thai soldier burning some of the marijuana seized in Lampang Province at the weekend during a three-day operation in which troops set alight some 20 acres of plantations.

# Squatters end Copenhagen flats protest

Copenhagen — Life gradually returned to normal in Copenhagen yesterday as police began dismantling barricades after 300 squatters called off a nine-day occupation of a condemned building in the Osterbro quarter (Christopher Follett writes).

The squatters peacefully evacuated the block of flats on Monday night after having failed to secure the support of local politicians for a permanent takeover of the building by Copenhagen City Council, private organizations, trade unions and a group of actors

# Uganda allows relief supplies into Sudan

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Kampala for talks. Uganda has reopened its border with Sudan to allow relief food supplies to move to millions of people facing starvation as a result of famine caused mainly by the long-drawn-out civil war there.

Uganda closed the border a month ago after rebel Ugandans who had been living in Sudan launched attacks on parts of northern Uganda. The decision to reopen the border to relief supplies, but not to other traffic, was announced after an eight-man Sudanese mission flew to

Uganda has accused Sudan of supporting the rebels, although Sudan denies this. A joint commission has been set up to deal with border issues, but Uganda remains suspicious and has reinforced troop border positions.

On Uganda's eastern border, Kenya is restricting the movement of Ugandans into this country. More than 100 have been arrested in Nairobi and other centres and charged with being in Kenya illegally.

# Greek shipowners offer aid to earthquake victims

From Mario Modiano, Kalamata

Greek shipowners have offered ships and cash to help the people of this southern Greek port that was destroyed by earthquakes 10 days ago.

One of them, Mr Yiannis Latsis, is sending one of his cruise ships to serve as living quarters for 1,000 homeless people who will be provided with meals and medical care, as well as classrooms aboard for their children.

A wealthy Greek-American contractor, Mr Alexander Spanos, has given the equivalent of £200,000 for Kalamata, and Mr Stavros Niarchos, the shipowner, another £340,000. Ships have been offered by others to bring supplies to the town.

The plight of the homeless, who now live in 6,000 tents provided by the state, has been aggravated by the inadequacy of sanitation in the camps. Several cases of intestinal disease have been reported.

The refugees are complaining about the lack of facilities for personal hygiene as well as of electricity to enable their children to study now that 270 tents are to be set up to serve as classrooms. Each camp has only one or two taps for drinking water, a telephone, and external lighting.

The weather is still warm, but the refugees look apprehensively at the cloudy skies, as teams of state engineers tour the camps to give them advice on flood protection.

State administrative services are now functioning adequately under canvas, but although banks operate out of caravans, few shops have reopened. Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the conservative opposition leader who visited the area on Monday, expressed

doubts that the city's economic life could soon be set in motion.

Mr John Boutos, an independent Member of Parliament for the district who is also a European deputy, said that the Government had been efficient in providing first aid but seemed to be underestimating the magnitude of the problems for the survival of Kalamata which, he said, "are just beginning".

He has asked the European Parliament to set in motion procedures to speed the Community's emergency aid for the disaster area, as well as the granting of soft loans to individuals by the European Investment Bank for rehabilitation.

The Government is said to be planning to provide each home-owner interest-free loans of up to £13,000, of which one-third would be a grant.

State engineers are this week visiting the city's 14,000 buildings marked with a red "X", to determine which of them are to share the fate of the 700 or so structures that collapsed or have already been demolished.

Priority is to be given to the surviving 7,000 houses, of which half are in need of minor repairs, to enable their former residents to return.

But work cannot begin until the seismologists, who have warned people to stay out of their homes for 15 days for fear of more tremors, give the "all-clear".

Dr Gernsimos Papadopoulos, a Greek geophysicist, said that he still expected a major earthquake in the area measuring between 7 and 7.3 degrees on the Richter scale.

# Europe's war on terror

## Jail escape Paris wary of lull in bombing

From A Correspondent Rome From Diana Geddes Paris

Two convicted Red Brigade terrorists have escaped from the prison wing of a hospital in the northern Italian city of Novara.

The two men, Calogero Dianna, aged 37, and Giuseppe di Cecco, 31, were recovering from the effects of a hunger strike begun in late August in protest against the strict regulations in Novara maximum security prison, where they have been serving lengthy sentences.

According to police, they escaped by sawing through the bars of a skylight leading to the roof of the Ospedale Maggiore.

Dianna, who is considered the more dangerous of the two, was serving a life sentence for crimes which included the 1976 killing of Francesco Cusano, a deputy police chief in another northern city, Biella.

Di Cecco was convicted of membership in a Turin branch of the Red Brigade which murdered at least 10 people, wounded 17 and carried out hundreds of lesser crimes. He was to have remained in jail for another 24 years.

According to police reports, after sawing through the bars the two men walked across the roof and then climbed into the hospital's stairwell and then walked downstairs.

But police said first reports indicate that the bars had already been weakened by the two during previous stays in the hospital following earlier hunger strikes.

ATHENS: Greece signed its first bilateral agreement for co-operation against terrorism with Italy yesterday, while denying reports that the Palestine Liberation Organization had asked to transfer some of its services from Tunisia to Greece (Mario Modiano writes).

The agreement commits Italy and Greece to exchange information and to provide mutual help against terrorism, organized crime and drug smuggling.

It was signed by Mr Antonis Drososyannis, the Greek Minister of Public Order, and Signor Oscar Scalfaro, the Italian Interior Minister.

French police remain convinced that the Abdullah family and the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (Farl) are behind the recent wave of bombings in Paris, despite protestations of innocence from Lebanon of eight of the nine people most wanted in connection with the attacks.

The police point to the recent lull in the bombings, with six consecutive days without an attack.

They also note that since the reappearance in Lebanon of the four Abdullah brothers and their four friends, the group claiming responsibility for the bombings, the Committee for Solidarity with Middle Eastern and Arab Political Prisoners, has been releasing its communiqués only in Beirut and not, as previously, also in Paris.

The second of two policemen involved in the bomb attack at the Puh Renault on the Champs-Elysees on September 14 died from his injuries yesterday, bringing to nine the number of those killed in the attacks.

The lull and the effective isolation of the suspected chief culprits does not necessarily mean an end to the bombings, police fear. They believe that it may be part of a careful plan, and that the attacks could begin again at any moment.

The independent union which represents about a third of the uniformed police met the Security Minister yesterday to ask the Government for further anti-terror measures, including a routine check on all diplomatic bags from the Middle East; the immediate expulsion of any non-EEC foreigner who cannot show proof of sufficient income and a fixed abode; and reintroduction of the death penalty for terrorists.

The ambassadors of five of the six member states of the European Free Trade Association — Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and Austria — met M Didier Barrot, the French junior Foreign Minister, to ask that the new visa requirements for all non-EEC foreigners be waived for their own citizens.

# Fallow fields idea to cut cereal mountains

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

A new British plan to cut the cost of EEC food mountains could take vast areas of land out of production.

The plan, already circulated among European Community agriculture ministries, will be the main item of discussion at an informal meeting of farm ministers in the Lake District next week.

The British Government ideas, set out in a paper entitled "Diverting Land from Cereals", include a payment of £210 a hectare to farmers to leave land fallow, and a smaller subsidy of about £42 a

hectare if land now under grain is put into use for alternative crops.

The Government argues that EEC stocks of grain could rise to 80 million tonnes by 1991 unless drastic measures are taken now to curb cereals production.

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# Gandhi gaffes in West Bengal visit widen state party divisions

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Indian commentators were yesterday horrified by the political mess that Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, made of a three-day visit to the communist-run state of West Bengal.

The visit this week was supposed to have deflected criticism of the central Government, reunified the local Congress Party, and put his troops into good heart for next year's elections to the state assembly. It failed on all three counts.

Some of the comment against Mr Gandhi in the Indian press is unfair, since it blames him from time to time for not being political enough in his judgments, and on this occasion blames him for not being above the party fray.

But much of the comment is agnost at his hamfistedness in referring to agitation in the northern part of the state by the Gurkha people.

Perhaps anxious to show that blame for the Gurkha discontent cannot be laid at the central Government's door, Mr Gandhi insisted that the troubles were not anti-national in character, an assertion that cut the ground neatly from under a large proportion of his party in Bengal who have signed a motion vig-

orously condemning the Gurkhas for this fault.

Mr Gandhi further said that the chauvinist attitude of the communist-led coalition in West Bengal was at the root of the campaign for autonomy for Gorkhaland, the area around Darjeeling which is inhabited largely by people of Nepalese stock.

That enabled the communists to point out that it was the central Government which turned down the appeal for Nepal to be made an official language of the country and refused to allow a constitutional amendment allowing the establishment of an autonomous region within the state.

The *Indian Express*, the biggest-selling newspaper in the country, which was recently taken over by an editor thought likely to be more favourable to the Prime Minister, said yesterday: "The impression conveyed by all this... is either that the Prime Minister is unaware of even the basic facts about the (Gurkha) movement or that he is deliberately playing politics to embarrass the left-front government. It could be both."

These statements have

caused confusion, and could conceivably undermine efforts to deal with what one day may emerge as a major threat to the country's integrity.

The visit started on a good note when Mr Gandhi announced a gift of 6.8 billion rupees (£360 million) to the state for investment in development projects. The gift was intended to defuse criticism that the central Government has kept the state starved of funds because it is ruled by opposition parties.

But it was greeted with a good deal of suspicion by the state's Chief Minister, the wily Mr Jyoti Basu, and in the end has been treated simply as an election gimmick.

Mr Gandhi's party in Bengal was badly divided when he arrived and the divisions got worse. One faction, headed by Mr Subrata Mukherjee, was kept very much out of the limelight in favour of his chief rival, Mr Priya Ranjan Das Munshi, president of the state committee.

Mr Mukherjee got his own back by saying that the Prime Minister's statements on Gorkhaland were at variance with the state party's stand, and that he would write to Mr Das Munshi asking him to explain.

# Pakistan women rise against Sharia law

From A Correspondent Karachi

Pakistani women and Islamic fundamentalists are at loggerheads over the proposed implementation of Islamic Sharia laws.

The fundamentalists, who are backed by President Zia, have been pressing for the immediate passage of the Sharia Bill, but women's rights activists believe that the proposed Bill would curtail women's rights drastically and would reduce their position in society to half that of men.

The Women's Action Forum (WAF), a militant women's rights organization which has been arranging protest meetings and mobilizing public opinion, says that the proposed Bills were essentially devised to tear down systematically and completely the existing legislative, judicial and social structure.

Implementation, they believe, would lead to the enactment of even more retrogressive laws.

Women's rights leaders fear that enactment of the Bills could lead to repeal of the Muslim family laws ordinance of 1961, which restored some fundamental rights.

Present family laws give women some protection against polygamy and support orphans' inheritance rights.



Students throwing stones at police at Ewha Women's University in Seoul yesterday.

# Salvador's hit squads driven out of business

From Philip Jacobson San Salvador

The right-wing death squads which once terrorized El Salvador and are said to have been responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of people appear to have been driven out of their bloody business.

The number of killings that can be laid at the door of organized murder groups like the Secret Anti-Communist Army has declined markedly in the past 18 months.

The principal credit belongs, most observers believe, to American diplomats stationed in San Salvador in the early 1980s.

From the US Embassy target of more than one armed attack by right-wing extremists, a succession of damning reports reached the policy-makers in Washington. These set out in precise and often gory detail how the squads operated - who paid them, who gave them orders, and who covered up for them.

One name that cropped up frequently in those days was Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, a fanatical anti-Communist with an alarming reputation.

"Major Bob" as he was known, was publicly described by one US Ambassador as a psychopathic killer. His denunciations of individuals as "enemies of the state" on TV and in the local press were considered the equivalent of a death sentence.

When the Reagan Administration became convinced that the death squads seriously threatened the objectives of US policy, the next objective was the Salvadorean military.

Step by step, prodded by Washington and encouraged by the civilian Government of President Duarte, the high command set about putting its house in order. But none of the main organizers in the military was ever brought to trial and many remain in uniform today. Overlooking the atrocious past was clearly part of the deal.

For Salvadoreans, the gradual realization that they were no longer at such risk of death was like waking from a particularly harrowing nightmare. It is as if San Salvador had come to life again, tentatively, despite the ever-present shadows of the civil war.

Those who lived through the most terrible period of death-squad activity cannot quite convince themselves that it can never happen again.

As if to jog their memory, Major D'Aubuisson has popped up from obscurity as a hardline right-wing politician to accuse the Spanish rector of the Catholic university here, Father Elacuria, of being sympathetic to the cause of the guerrillas. He has good reason to be worried.

# Fire-bomb protest at Games

Seoul (AFP) - Some 500 South Korean students threw Molotov cocktails and stones at police yesterday in a three-hour demonstration outside a hotel housing foreign journalists here for the Asian Games.

A similar number of riot police contained the students as they chanted slogans against what they claimed was the military dictatorship of President Chun, supported by US imperialism, and South Korea's hosting of the Games.

The demonstration developed into a sit-in, punctuated by sporadic throwing of stones and fire bombs which were put out by the police using the fire extinguishers now a normal part of riot control equipment. The students dispersed late in the afternoon without any arrests.

Student radicals have criticized the enormous cost of organizing the Games and of the next Olympics, which are to be held here in 1988. They say that they are being held at the expense of the well-being and standard of living of South Koreans.

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# Afghanistan in crisis

## Mujahidin take battle to outskirts of Kabul

From Our Correspondent, Delhi

The little Afghan town of Paghman, and the surrounding district on the western outskirts of Kabul, is being badly battered by the continuing war between rebel Mujahidin tribesmen and the armed might of the Soviet Union and the Afghan Army.

Paghman has often been a jumping off ground for Mujahidin attacks on the capital itself, and this summer Mr Abdul Haq, the rebel leader who has made a speciality of making life difficult for the regime inside Kabul, is reported by Western diplomats to have been operating out of the district.

A claim was made on his behalf last week that he and his men had caused the explosions at the Afghan 8th Division headquarters in Karga, close to Paghman, last month.

It was suggested by diplomats here yesterday that as many as 300 troops died in the explosions which occurred when the Division's ammunition dump was blown up.

The diplomats reported that the continued pounding of Paghman, which had enjoyed a slight lull, was resumed last week with full ferocity. In recent weeks reports have suggested that a force as large as 13,000 has been deployed in the district, and one source indicated that 4,000 of these were regular Russian combat veterans.

One Afghan, who lives close by, said: "The Russians stay behind with their guns on the plains. The Afghan soldiers go first to die in the mountains."

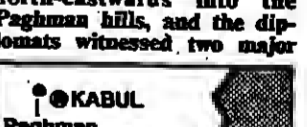
The toll of government casualties has not been light, and Western diplomats said that 10 or 15 Afghan soldiers are killed in Paghman every day. One diplomat, who visited the 400-bed hospital in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul, which deals with Afghan wounded, said that on two floors of the hospital the pressure on beds was such that patients were being treated in the corridors.

Diplomats have a grandstand view of the Paghman fighting each Friday, when there is a visit to the golf

course on the edge of town by Karga lake. Last week they reported that a massive force of Russians was deployed nearby.

They counted eight 152 mm self-propelled guns, four BM 21s, the multi-barrelled rocket launchers also known as Stalin's organs, four D 30 howitzers, nine armoured personnel carriers and 17 covered trucks, three of which were dug into the sand in a way that suggested they were carrying ammunition.

Two communications posts on nearby hills were guarded by tanks. The guns pointed north-eastwards into the Paghman hills, and the diplomats witnessed two major



salvoes being fired by the self-propelled guns.

Two weeks previously the diplomats, on their Friday outing, had seen a full battalion of the Afghan Army deployed by the lake, with Soviet advisers in attendance.

An Afghan source was quoted yesterday as saying that the guerrillas were able to shoot down a helicopter two weeks ago near Chandal Bai, south of Paghman town. It was reported in a separate incident that rebels had taken prisoner eight Soviet soldiers.

Although the town remains in government control, the countryside has been largely controlled by the guerrillas, and diplomats described unconfirmed reports that many houses in the area have been flattened, not simply by the fighting, but in retaliation for villagers' support of the rebels.

They said that the 900 rebel fighters under Mr Haq's command are well armed.

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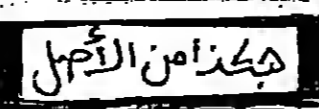
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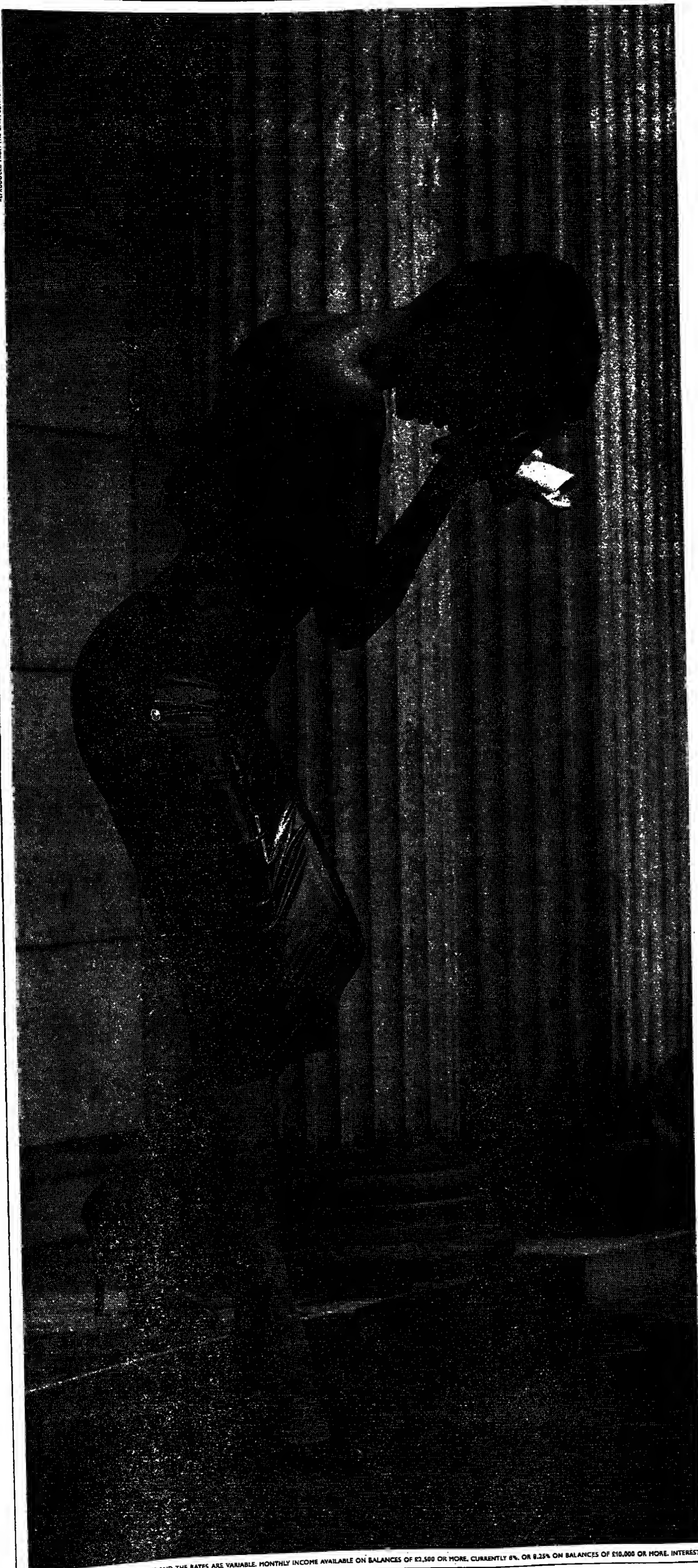
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# Threatened by the mob

## HARD LABOUR THE POLITICAL DIARY OF ROBERT KILROY-SILK

### Part 3: Uncovering the vote fixers

In his fight to beat off a takeover by Militant, Robert Kilroy-Silk, right, soon discovered the extent of their power in his Knowsley North constituency. Top jobs were given as a reward for opposing him and even an innocuous factory trip was called off under threat of violence. And the task of fighting the left reduced at least one MP to tears



## Crying shame

No one who hasn't been through mandatory reselection can fully appreciate just how horrible and distasteful the whole thing is, and how it saps your confidence and motivation. I'm not the only one. Frank Field, the MP for Birkenhead who fought off a sustained challenge from Militant, says that it took two years out of his life. He feels very bitter and angry about the whole thing.

He has a right to feel like that: it was an unnecessary and disgraceful waste of his time and talent that could have been more usefully employed in Parliament on behalf of his constituents and the party. Another MP, this time from the so-called left, left in the north, actually shed tears, real, wet tears, on the shoulders of a colleague in the Tea Room in the House of Commons because of the strain of being opposed, even though he knew he would win.

Norman Atkinson, the MP for Tottenham for the last couple of decades and former treasurer of the Labour Party, who was deselected in favour of Bernie Grant - of all people - says that the reselection process took him out of politics for a year.

Reselection is the dominant and often the sole topic of conversation among my colleagues in the Tea Room, at dinner and in the bars at the House of Commons. And these are colleagues who are unopposed, who will be reselected from a shortlist of one, as I was in my Ormskirk constituency. Nevertheless, they feel that a threat exists: something could happen, things could go wrong. There is always the possibility that they will do or say something - or be forced by events like the miners' strike into a public position - that will put them temporarily at odds with their constituency party and so lose them the nomination. There is a great incentive, as they say, "to keep their heads down."

They have sleepless nights. They are constantly looking over their shoulders, spend more time in their constituencies on party politics and have to organize more time and energy to organizing their supporters when they should be in Parliament. As they have all reiterated dozens of times, we will not be able to run a Labour government in these circumstances, especially if more of my colleagues are confronted with the kind of conflict I have now.

### OCTOBER 6, 1985

The News of the World ran a story about Derek Hatton today. "The Ritzy Life Of Dandy Derek" says that the "red wrecker" as it calls him, leads a "life of luxury." Apparently he wears Pierre Cardin suits and tailored shirts, has had two foreign holidays in the last year, dines at expensive restaurants, has bought his daughter a pony and has a friendship with an attractive blonde, but none of this is really important. He shouldn't be arraigned on the basis of his clothes and his daughter's riding lessons. What is important is their allegation that, apart from receiving £10,000 in expenses from Liverpool City Council, he also receives £11,000 a year from Knowsley Council for "just 17½ hours a week" and that he has two "minders". They also claim that the council's Ford Granada made two round trips from Liverpool to the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth so that he could attend a Variety Club party in Liverpool.

time of our meeting tomorrow and to make sure of the arrangements for the TV crew. I could tell there was a problem the moment he answered the phone.

"Have I caused you problems?" I asked Harry.

"I'm afraid you have, Robert," he answered apologetically. We got on well together.

"Do you want me to call it off?" I asked.

"Well..."

"We'll call it off," I said, firmly. He seemed relieved. "I think it best," he said. "It's not me. You know that, don't you? It's not the company."

One of the shop stewards had suggested that as the film is about my reselection, and as I'm being opposed by the Militants, they would have "the Liverpool heavy mob at the gates." That scared them. They panicked. They tried to get the company to call it off. The management refused. The stewards were told that if they wanted to cancel the visit they must tell me themselves, but I did it for them.

### WHEN A MAN HAS ENEMIES



Uncouth, nasty, loud-mouthed - and active

Kilroy-Silk on Joe Lawler, of Derek Hatton's "army"



McGinley touted jobs in return for support

Kilroy-Silk on Jim McGinley, his constituency chairman

### HE NEEDS FRIENDS



Killeen found a web of union intrigue

Kilroy-Silk on Peter Killeen, who uncovered irregularities



Magnificent piece of detective work

Kilroy-Silk on his investigator and former agent, Peter Fisher

### OCTOBER 7

I don't believe it. Joe Roby and the shop stewards at the BICC factory in Prescot are so afraid that the Militants will cause trouble at the site that they've decided not to be filmed with me by Michael Cockerell's BBC team after all. I rang Joe, the convenor, from Manchester Airport to finalize the

### OCTOBER 8

Peter Fisher, my former agent, has done a magnificent job of detective work on the delegates to my management committee. When I arrived at his bungalow this morning he had long lists and diagrams spread across the dining room table with different coloured lines to indicate what stage of his vetting process each of the suspect delegates is at. He had some good news. He has

managed to identify all the Transport and General Workers' Union branches. There were some strange ones. Apparently the one designated 5/518 wasn't a typing error, after all. The "5" represents the West Midlands region. Peter doesn't yet know where the branch is.

"This has been organized," he said. "Someone in the union has helped them. You can see it by the composite branches. They're the branches that have been merged

together to give them bigger membership and more delegates. And they're from the unemployed centres. They're nearly all Militants."

There is also the question of Phil McSorley, a long-standing member of the TGWU, now retired, who used to be on the union's national executive. He has been insisting to Peter and me for months that he is still a delegate to the constituency Party and has complained of not receiving notices of meetings. I have always thought that, as he didn't appear on any recent list, he was mistaken.

"Oh no," said Peter Killeen, assistant regional organizer of the Labour Party in the north-west. "He has been a delegate all along. I've seen a copy of the letter in the correspondence book of the branch that nominated him as a delegate." He was getting it copied before it was "lost."

"They're more than capable of ripping out the page if they find out that we know about it," he went on. "They kept Phil off the management committee because they know that he'd support you."

### OCTOBER 11

Great news. One of Peter's investigations has borne fruit. Joe Lawler, a Militant and a member of Hatton's private army (as the Liverpool static security service is known locally), a vice-chairman of the constituency party and the membership secretary, is not a delegate. It's fantastic news: he's one of the most uncouth, loud-mouthed, nasty and active of all. There are now 141 delegates entitled to vote: I need a minimum of 71 votes and have 66. But Lawler's demise is a morale boost. It shows how bad things are, the tricks they have been up to.

### OCTOBER 14

We're in trouble. According to my well-placed source in the TGWU, active efforts are being made within the union to deliver my seat to the Militants. My expectation that the TGWU regional bureaucracy would be aghast at what is happening in my constituency and act swiftly to sort it out has been destroyed.

But there's worse. I've found out that the man in the TGWU with whom Peter Killeen is liaising to investigate the credentials of the union's delegates is actually organizing the conspiracy.

### OCTOBER 15-17

I wrote to Neil to say I was resigning as Shadow Home Office Minister. It means that I will be out of serious politics at a senior level for the rest of this Parliament. It also means that I will not be a minister when the next Labour government is formed, as I could reasonably have expected to be. There are several reasons why I feel that I have to resign. The most important is the battle for reselection, which is taking a lot of my time. I never seem to be off the telephone. It is also distracting and debilitating.

I have to admit the joy has gone. Politics has been spoilt, I hope only temporarily. The real battle to ensure that it doesn't sour me, that I don't become an embittered, cynical and sad old man.

### OCTOBER 18-19

Now I know what the charges against me are. All the organizing, conspiring, fixing, manoeuvring, intimidation, trickery and hate is because I don't live in the constituency. That's what Michael Cockerell said, anyway. That was the complaint the Militants put to him when he interviewed them for the BBC's *This Week Next Week* programme.

### TOMORROW

What Cathy did - the curious case of the secretary who 'accidentally' refused an offer of help

the last dozen years, though we did have a flat in Ormskirk. I've made no secret of the fact. Indeed, I told my party when I was first selected that I were I elected I would move house and live near Liverpool. I was expected to work five days a week, and that is what I did. My family comes first - before politics - and I did not intend to become an absentee father.

There was also a secondary complaint against me, that I hadn't done enough about unemployment. I haven't brought work to the area. Now how do you answer that? If I have failed then so has every other Liverpool MP, including the Militant-beloved Terry Fields in Broadgreen.

In fact, the Militants and their ilk are the biggest deterrents to job creation on Merseyside. Dozens of times in the last few years I have tried fruitlessly to persuade companies to locate on Merseyside or in Knowsley. Each time the decision went against us because of their perception of our militancy, although we aren't as militant or strike-prone as they thought.

Why, I wondered, didn't the Militants tell the truth? The real issue is ideological. They're believers in the politics of the street and of the mob, whereas I believe in old-fashioned things like the rule of law and parliamentary democracy. I won't endorse irresponsible foolishness like the strike of schoolchildren they organized in Kirkby, which led to young boys being put into police cells and charged with breaches of the peace while the Militants went scot-free.

### OCTOBER 22

This month's routine meeting of my constituency management committee was as nasty and ill-tempered as most of the others have been for the last two years. It was the Militants' first opportunity to display their anger at Neil's demolition of them at Conference.

In addition to the habitual shouting, heckling and barracking of opponents, the Militant-led majority criticized the Labour Party at every opportunity, attacked Neil on every pretext and abused me as a matter of course. A delegate from one Militant-dominated union branch moved a resolution that condemned Neil Kinnoch for his "unprovoked and unjustified" attack on the workforce and the people of Merseyside.

Afterwards, a large group of members of the "real" Labour Party insisted upon seeing me. They're angry and upset. "There's no point in coming here," they say. "We'll have our own meetings."

"You can't," I insisted desperately. "That's called leaving the Labour Party."

"That lot aren't the Labour Party," they shouted almost as one. "They have nothing at all to do with Socialism. We're the Labour Party."

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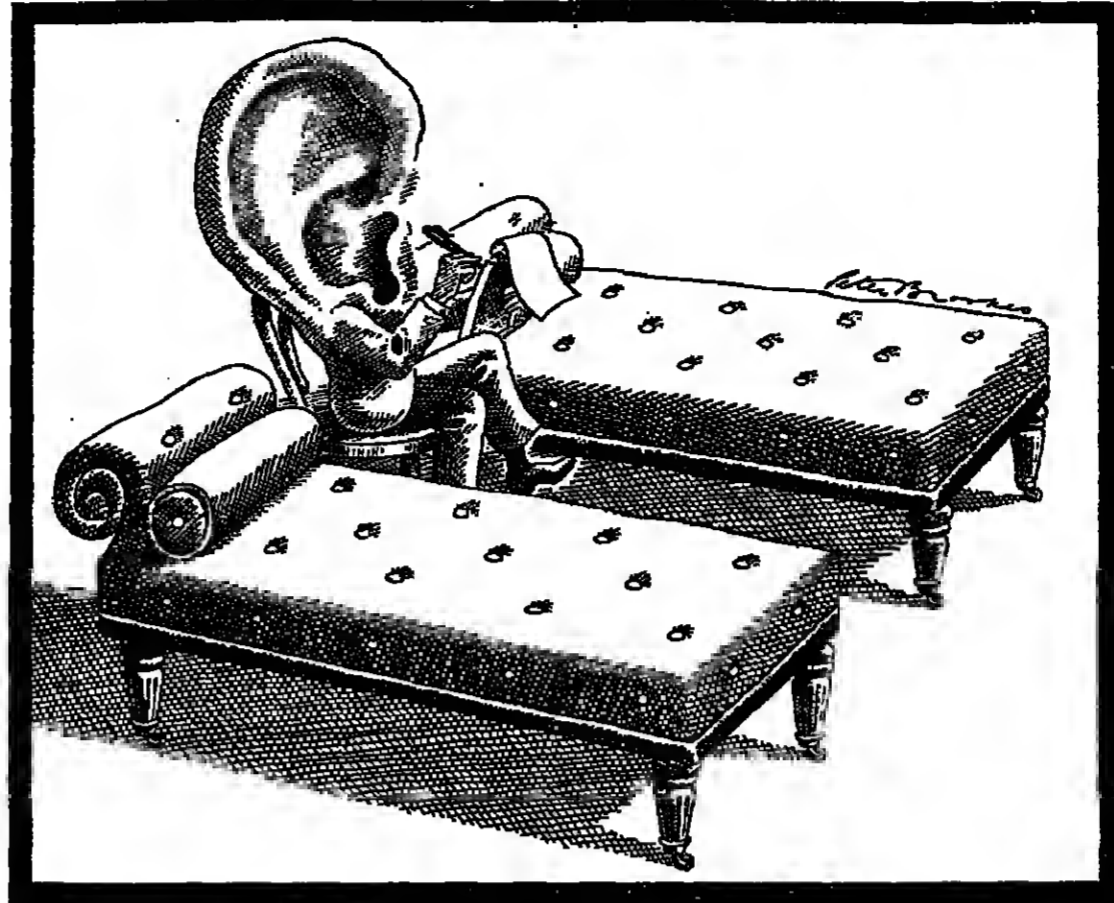
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Marriage counsellors offer no easy solutions for troubled relationships, reports Lindsay Knight in part two of her series

Making up is hard to do

The misconceptions about marriage guidance counselling are legion; partly because people have no idea what will happen when they walk through a counsellor's door, and partly because they have even less of an idea of what might be achieved. A frequent assumption is that you will be counselled to save your marriage at all costs. But marriage guidance counsellor Frances Campbell says: "I don't see it as any part of my job to save anybody's marriage. I think that would be an impertinence on my part. I'm not here to give tips to people on how to be happily married. If anybody's got some, I'd like to hear them. "Counselling is to understand what's going on for both people in the relationship, to find out what they want from it, what they hope for, what they fear is happening to the relationship. An awful lot of people do not seem to be very good at close personal relationships such as marriage. Britta Harding, a London social worker and sex therapist, believes that many people must be living a "twilight life" within marriage, and are often very depressed. Their problems are compounded by the reluctance of most people to admit that there are problems in the marriage and that help is needed. "There is such a stigma attached to admitting that you can't cope with your husband's infidelity or your wife's lack of communication," Frances Campbell says. "Any close relationship like marriage involves the very deepest parts of ourselves, and to feel that you've failed in a relationship means that you are bound to feel you've failed as a person in some way. So shame and fear are



own business, which meant I only saw him late at night. The social worker suggested we try marriage guidance. Three years later, our marriage is much better and I am no longer depressed. We still have many of the same problems, but we talk about them now and cope better. Gillian and her husband went to a counsellor after months of rows and miserable silences. "It wasn't what I expected," she says. "I thought somebody would leap in and rescue me, sort out all my problems and say 'Look, this is your trouble. If you do this it will sort it out.' "But it's not like that at all. It's more a case of, 'Well, recognize it for yourself, see what your problems are'. Only you can sort it out, but at least the counsellor can help you see it from different angles. Many people do not ask for counselling early enough. Either they continue to receive pills for their depression (or some vague backache or insomnia), or they act out their unhappiness by having affairs or drinking too much. Then divorce seems inevitable and the solicitor's office is the first port of

call. At this point, counselling may be considered - but very much as a last resort. "Perhaps we might have been able to work something out if we had been helped earlier," one woman says, "but I couldn't bear to hear my husband complaining about me, saying how wonderful and sexy his mistress was. However skilled the counsellor, there seemed no point in bothering by then, so we separated in anger and despair. Most people who remain in counselling, however, feel they have benefited from it. Many say their counselling was an educational as well as a therapeutic experience. They felt they could take their newly gained knowledge about relationships into other areas, such as work. There is often instant relief when counselling begins because here, at last, is an objective outsider who is interested and concerned. Frances Campbell explains: "One of the things a counsellor can do is accept very strong, unhappy feelings and not be frightened of them, not want to change the subject, the way friends or relatives might do. I think the acceptance is calming for anybody. After that, you can begin to look at what is really going on. That is where there can be much

more pain, as feelings and situations are explored and hard lessons learned. "Counselling is about confronting issues," Renata Olins, London Director of the Marriage Guidance Council, says. "We are not a comforting shoulder to cry on. Of course a counsellor may offer reassurance and comfort at times, but it is not enough to do only that. We try to help people be more aware of the psychodynamics in their life and their relationships. "I would be very careful about recommending counselling, on satisfied ex-client says. "I think it is very important that both of you want to go and that neither feels pushed into it. I was very lucky that my wife also wanted the relationship to work, so it was a very valuable shared experience. We would talk about what happened in sessions during the week, and it was really enlightening. We both valued the commitment the other made."

FRIDAY

Where to turn: drugs, therapy or simple self-analysis?

Measuring the naked truth

There is a certain class of woman in the United States. Trollope observed on his visit to New York in 1861, whose manners are more odious than those of any other human beings anywhere else in the world. Their theory, he intimated, was that women's rights were more important than modesty. The inventor of the Barbie doll would agree. "In my opinion people make too much of breasts. They are just a part of the body," said 69-year-old Ruth Handler, who designed the curvaceous mannequin 27 years ago and who has seen 300 millions of the busty little creatures sold since. Ms Handler was venting her indignation against the "nasty adult minds" which last week produced a naked Barbie in a New York state courtroom as part of the defence of the "Shirless Seven", who are being prosecuted for baring their chests in public. The seven women held a pre-publicized demonstration in a park in June to highlight the inequity in the law relating to men and women who remove their shirts in public, and were duly arrested for "public exposure". The park that day was unusually full of male joggers, noted the local police who arrived for the arrest. The ingenious Barbie was put into the witness box by a clinical psychologist as part of the defence's rather bold contention that women's breasts are essentially the same as men's. A breast is not a sexual object, the defence argues, and the New York state ordinance violates women's right to equality under the 14th amendment. The psychologist pronounced that many women suffer mentally and physically while trying to attain a perfect Barbie-like figure. She pointed an accusing finger at the naked little blonde who sat on a railing in the witness box and said: "This waist size cannot be attained without serious damage to the rib cage of a woman. "I'd like to point out that this doll has no areolae and no nipples and no genitals," she went on, seeking to illustrate the impossibility of anyone becoming the "ultimate woman", as personified by the doll. A real-life Barbie would be roughly equivalent to a woman with vital statistics of 39-21-33, according to Mattel Toys, the manufacturers. "These things on the surface appear so harmless," she said. "But a woman would need breast enlargement surgery to equal the 'gravity-defying' Barbie breasts. Elsewhere American feminists are not enamoured of the protest which, one said, has the feel of a throwback to the late Sixties. "It is not very serious," said Betty Freidan, doyenne of the women's movement in the US. "A

Seven feminists on trial in New York for baring their breasts in public have called a Barbie doll in their defence

much more serious case will come before the Supreme Court next month over the California Bank's stand that the requirement for four months maternity leave discriminates against men. The case has caused a major split in the American women's movement, with younger feminists supporting the bank's position and most established groups opposing it. It is, Ms Freidan says, a classic issue of second stage feminism. "The women's movement has rather lost its way. The first generation got burned out and the younger ones just take all the advances for granted. We are in a state of paralysis and transi-



Contentious curves: Barbie's impossible vital statistics

tion. Fifty per cent of people in the professions are women now and yet there hasn't been a restructuring of the employment system. Next month's case in the Supreme Court is a crossroads for the feminist cause in the United States, she said. "It deals with the question of whether women have to be come like men in order to get equality. Our side argues that being equal does not mean being the same. If the bank wins it will be a denial of the basic reality that in society it is women who have the babies. Men can't get pregnant so they don't need it. We're not talking about women's rights, but about society's rights. The challenge for feminists now is to change the masculine values which dominate society. "We have to go beyond the single issue approach," she said, brusquely dismissing the antics of the shrill-seven. Paul Vallely

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Anderton under siege

As demands for a judicial inquiry into his conduct during the Stalker affair continue, James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, may be about to face fresh public embarrassment. Sir Stanley Bailey, his counterpart in Northumbria, has just completed a confidential investigation into Anderton's criticism last year of alleged political interference by his Labour-controlled police committee. The committee caused the police to accuse Anderton of trying to undermine democracy. It has received a copy of the Bailey report — whose findings, I gather, are less than complimentary — and says it will be considered after certain points are clarified.

Choker block

Far from joining the chorus sniping at Princess Michael of Kent's apparent plagiarism, our fashion editor, Suzy Menkes, professes herself impressed by the wealth of research displayed in *Crowned in a Far Country*. Take the photograph of a diamond choker worn by Queen Alexandra for a portrait. Suzy tells me it took her 18 months' researching in Cartier's archives in Paris to track down the necklace. For her opus, *The Royal Jewels*, published last year, if only the princess had gone bold of a copy she would have spared all that dogged detective work — but Princess Michael makes no mention of *Royal Jewels* in her bibliography.

Right in it

A group of eminent ecologists from nine countries is now touring the peat moors and bogs of Caithness and Sutherland, which are said to be unique in Europe and are at the centre of a furious dispute between environmentalists and forestry interests. Only last week Ian Press, director general of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, accused the Forestry Commission of completely disregarding its statutory obligations towards conservation. If the ecologists become involved, they may well regret having called themselves the International Mire Conservation Group.

BARRY FANTONI



Frankly I don't know anyone who'd be seen dead in Lorton

Exit centre

The final curtain may have fallen on the Liberal's satirical revues, widely held to be even more amusing than the party's real-life performances. Shows like last night's at the Eastbourne conference are so time-consuming that they leave the troupe little time to pursue their favourite sideline: politics. "We are starting to run out of steam, so we want to get out while we are ahead," says director Simon Titley. "We simply don't have the time to keep up standards, and we are reaching the point where the only way to go would be pro." A similar fate could yet befall them on the political stage.

Chic to chic

Eastbourne, always cited as Britain's ultimate geriatric resort, was marginally rejuvenated on Monday night with a 60s Disco — that figure referring to the decade rather than the time of life. The in-place to be dancing that night, however, was a group organized by the party's *Liberator* magazine, with a classical mixture of Liberal self-deprecation and slight smugness, one member of the mag's staff quipped that this should properly have been called "The Eminent Person's Grope."

New beat

South African Zulu leader Chief Gatsba Buthelez, has attempted to secure the services of the editor of the Metropolitan policeman's paper, *The Job*. Buthelez wanted Tim Muir, who last month was dropped as *The Job's* editor, for his press secretary. Muir, who formerly lived in South Africa, was keen and admits that the image of Buthelez — often depicted as Botha's black stooge — indeed seems menacing. "The ANC, which is a very communist organization, has a strong impact here and its perception of him has permeated the media," he says. Muir's wife, however, was set against returning to South Africa. Instead, mundanely, he will stay and produce trade magazines.

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Jo Grimond looks at the state of the party now in the light of its days of glory

Reasserting Liberals' true values



Beveridge in favour of wealth rather than welfare



Gladstone: his fervour and breadth of vision still needed

argued that the presuppositions of parliamentary democracy are being eroded here as they have been eroded over most of the world. Perhaps then it is to the ombudsman, rather than to Parliament, that we must look to restrain the government. Whatever it may say from time to time, the Liberal Party has encouraged some of these bureaucratic advances. When it has been suggested that a subsidy be given to an ailing industry or even to a plausible "buccaner" like De Lorean, it has not always been in the van of the opposition. Should the party then declare that political Liberalism today is not about individual Liberalism, not about asserting that values are indissolubly connected with individual liberty, and should it accept that the argument between freedom and equality is a dead issue? Should it proclaim that its job today is to accept corporatism and make it work better? That would indeed break the mould. I do not however see anything so drastic on the agenda at Eastbourne. Nor would I want it. But if another role is to be found for the Liberal Party it must be more than a compromise on defence and a demand for more public expenditure. So far the message from Eastbourne as picked up by the press seems dangerously concentrated on those themes. A conference may not be the best place to outline a party's general attitude. But Liberals cannot choose how to get publicity. They get a generous helping of it at the conference and should grasp

its opportunity. We do not need new essays on liberty, new definitions of Liberalism. We need to show the public how a more liberal country can be achieved and how Liberalism should be translated into action in education, industry and government. There are some aspects of British Liberalism which are fundamental to it but seldom stressed. Gladstonian Liberals revered our institutions such as the state, the universities and the law, rather than seeing them as mere conveniences. They respected their history, and believed that each had their own contribution to make to the general welfare. They did not regard them as the same as any other business, to be judged by their material success. Above all, they believed that they should not be used for jobs far removed from their true purpose. Such Liberals would have been disturbed by the way the state is being burdened with tasks which waste its strength and undermine the support which it should draw from responsible individuals. They would have regretted the lack of respect shown to universities. They would have been puzzled why a country so rich should allow such squalor in its cities, or such incompetence in its public services. There have long been two strands in Liberalism: the laissez-faire strand and the welfare strand. They should not be thought of as being in conflict. Beveridge did not look forward to the indefinite extension of the welfare services, but to a time when greater personal wealth would enable us to do without them. It has been

suggested that the main line of demarcation between Socialists (and therefore Social Democrats) and Liberals lies in the relative importance each attaches to equality and freedom. I believe it would be truer to say that the line lies along the divide between personal and state responsibility for social services. Socialists see a more permanent role for the state than do Liberals. But if I am right there are many Liberals in the SDP and many Social Democrats in the Liberal Party. The classical Liberals would have welcomed the SDP's proposals to link welfare and tax as a step towards enabling people to pay for their own services and not only as a relief of poverty. Indeed Liberals doubt if poverty will ever be cured by hand-outs. Hand-outs create a client proletariat and very often benefit most the comparatively rich. Divisions over defence are nothing new in Liberal history. Only when there has been a clear threat to the country have Liberals approved large expenditure on arms. But we are Liberals such as Cardwell and Haldane who carried through great army reforms. Today there is a clear threat from Communism. For the West unilaterally to abandon nuclear weapons would increase the danger of war. For Britain alone to abandon them would be to retreat from those doctrines of international collaboration and collective security which have been a main element in Liberalism. By the grace of God and Roy Jenkins' brave compromise, the Liberal Party has been saved from a not so splendid isolation. Twenty years ago I thought its theme song should be "There ain't no sense sitting on the fence, all by yourself in the moonlight." Now not only is it not alone but it has to operate not by the gentle light of the moon but in the glare of public scrutiny. But it is not in the happy position of the party before the First World War when most people knew roughly what it stood for and everyone at least knew that it was the alternative on the left of the Tories. Now the alliance with the SDP has transformed its chances. But it has only a year or so to drum into the public mind what it stands for and how it would put Liberalism into practice. It should at all costs avoid detailed shopping lists of policy. Three or four major heads will be enough, chosen perhaps from industrial relations and worker ownership, tax and welfare reform, education, devolution and defence. If, in addition, it can inject into politics something of Gladstone's fervour, humanity and breadth of vision, so much the better. But it might also heed the advice of another great Liberal, Lord Melbourne. While I believe that it matters very much what the leaders of the Alliance say, it is of supreme importance that they should all sing the same song. © Times Newspapers, 1986. Lord Grimond was leader of the Liberal Party, 1956-67.

Martin Gilbert

Churchill: victim, not villain

In a glowing leader on February 13, 1945, *The Times* gave Churchill chief credit for what, it described as the "remarkable harmony of policy" attained with Roosevelt and Stalin at Yalta. Forty years later the word Yalta, like Munich, has begun to pass into the language as a symbol of betrayal. Poland, like Czechoslovakia, is portrayed as the victim of British duplicity, and Churchill, who so powerfully denounced Chamberlain as the villain of Munich, is himself being turned into the villain of Yalta. Two principal decisions concerning Poland were signed by Britain, the US and Russia at Yalta. Poland was to lose its eastern territories to the USSR in return for a substantial slice of territory to be taken from Germany, and a Polish government was to come into being, based on free elections in which all the non-fascist parties could take part. These included the parties which made up the Polish government-in-exile (in London since 1940), the so-called "London Poles". These elections never took place, leading some to assume that the creation of a Communist-dominated government was an integral part of the Yalta design, for which Churchill must bear substantial blame. From the outset of the political discussions on Poland, which began early in 1942, there seemed to Churchill to be only one way to establish a multi-party system after the war. The London Poles would first have to agree to the territorial cession of eastern Poland to Russia, including the two cities of Vilna (which Russia had ruled before 1914) and Lvov (a part of Austria-Hungary before the First World War). In return, in addition to the territory ceded by Germany, Poland would receive Soviet acceptance of free elections. For two years Churchill pressed the London Poles to agree, arguing that if they refused to make this territorial sacrifice they would lose all hope of political power, or even influence. When, late in 1944, they agreed, Churchill reported from Moscow that Stalin seemed receptive to free elections. By then, however, Stalin's own nominees, the Communist Poles of the "Lublin Committee", were already poised to enter Warsaw with the Red Army. At Yalta a month later, Stalin agreed with unexpected alacrity to the London Poles and other non-Communist parties taking part in elections, and offered "effective guarantees" that they were "freely and fairly carried out". He promised, further, that the British and US ambassadors could act as observers. In their final statement, Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill pledged to reorganize the existing Communist-based government in

Poland "on a broader democratic basis with the inclusion of democratic leaders from Poland itself and from the Poles abroad". Did Churchill believe that Stalin would allow this pledge to be carried out? All the evidence suggests that he did. He told the War Cabinet he felt sure the Russians would honour the declarations. Addressing the Commons, he said: "I feel that their word is their bond. I know of no government which stands to its obligations, even in its own despite, more solidly than the Russian Soviet government." And in a telegram to Peter Fraser, the New Zealand prime minister, he said that in spite of his anti-Communist convictions, he believed that Stalin wanted to work in harmony with the western democracies. But to his inner circle, Churchill expressed fears that Russia might one day turn against the West and that it might be said that Chamberlain had trusted Hitler as he was now trusting Stalin. Two months later, in a gross betrayal of the Yalta pledge, the Red Army arrested 15 Polish political leaders while they were on their way to pre-election negotiations under promise of safe conduct. "Surely we must not be manoeuvred", Churchill asked Roosevelt (in one of the last telegrams which he sent him "into becoming parties to imposing on Poland, and on how much more Russian version of democracy?"). Between February and May 1945, Britain and the US did all they could to keep their pledge to Poland. Churchill sent several strong protests to Stalin (in which Truman joined with even greater alacrity than Roosevelt had done). He brought British relations with Moscow almost to breaking point but, as he told the London Poles: "You cannot expect Britain to make perpetual war on the Soviet Union". Far from being an evil pact or sinister conspiracy of victorious powers, the Yalta agreement soon became the first serious breach in their ability to work together. The suspicions aroused of Moscow's good faith as a signatory remain with us today, reinforced by its attitude to the 1975 Helsinki agreement on human rights. Those same suspicions will doubtless dog Mrs Thatcher when she visits Moscow next spring, 42 years after the Yalta accords. But she will surely argue, as Churchill still argued a year after Stalin's betrayal of Yalta, that "The supreme hope and prime endeavour is to reach a good and faithful understanding with the Soviet Union". *Martin Gilbert's Road to Victory: Winston S. Churchill 1941-45, is published tomorrow by Heinemann (£20).*

After Uruguay, Bailey Morris on the tough negotiations ahead

Washington The shaky launch of the "Uruguay round" of Gatt — the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — is, in itself, an historic achievement that will be duly noted in books as a blow to the dark forces of protectionism. That is true no matter what happens as a result of the negotiations, which could last a decade. Despite fierce national differences, "no nation wanted to be seen as the one which sank the whole round," said Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary.

This was not a North-South round, pitting rich nations against the poor. It was a negotiation of new alliances, reflecting the changing pattern of commercial flows and the dominance of the economic superpowers, the US and Japan. The developing world lined up with them to form coalitions which won on the important issues. India, Brazil, Australia, Singapore and Colombia in particular played important roles. In the process, Europe was left behind. This impression was reinforced many times during the week. The EEC was preoccupied almost exclusively with preventing an assault on its Common Agriculture Policy while other nations focused on high technology, telecommunications and other services which now account for 20 per cent of world trade. During the trough of the negotiations, EEC officials spent 10 hours arguing over 10 words in the agricultural text with US and Australian officials who led a coalition determined to fight subsidies. Indeed, Europe arrived at the talks without a common position on agriculture, largely because of French insistence that the wording of the working text be changed. The German delegation, led by the Economics Minister, Martin Bangemann, almost disappeared. But it was Bangemann who finally cut a deal. At the end, French and other EEC officials declared themselves winners for achieving a form of words almost identical to the original, which called for the phased reduction of the agricultural subsidies of all nations.

But this was not the general impression. A minister of one developing country said he was "struck by the total absence of imagination" in the European proposals. Even though the US is an equal transgressor on subsidies, Europe's high profile in defending the CAP is what stood out. The only new issue that Europe put on the table was the balance of benefits, or "Bob", clause. This was designed to correct the enormous imbalances in global trade by denying the benefits of the new round to nations which erect barriers to imports. From the outset, it was known as the "Japan Clause". In this also, Europe was defeated. Surprisingly, and uncharacteris-



Will the Gatt pact hold?

tically, Japan stepped forward, asserting its place as an economic power to defeat the "Bob" amendment. Officials said it marked the beginning of a new era for Japan in international negotiations. The normal Japanese negotiating tack is to assume as low a profile as possible in an attempt to put the spotlight elsewhere. But this time Japan used all the obvious public relations techniques normally associated with the US to attack the proposal for its "racial connotations". Before hundreds of journalists, a Japanese minister actually used the term "Jap-bashing" in singling out Europe as the instigator of a plot to create dissension among nations. As if rehearsed, the US used the same language in opposing the amendment "for singling out a specific nation". The Japanese techniques worked and Europe was left with a black eye. This occurred despite the fact that many nations believe that eventually the enormous imbalances which threaten the global economy, the Japanese surpluses and the US deficits, must be addressed in a global context. There is a growing belief that Japan must bear more of the burden as a world power.

What emerged at Punta del Este was a strong policy tie between the two economic superpowers. America's Pacific trade is now greater than that across the Atlantic, and the trend is likely to continue. There are almost no high technology joint ventures between the US and Europe, and while this situation persists, said Michael Aho of the Council of Foreign Relations, the EEC will fall further behind. The recognition of this is only slowly beginning to sink in. A high-level British official was the only one from Europe who acknowledged that the bilateral relationship of the US and Japan, marked by the growing cartelization of entire industrial sectors such as semi-conductors, could be a threat to the rest of the world, and in the long term damage America's international standing and thereby its own interests. In the short term, however, US ties with the developing world appear to be growing stronger. The US emerged from Punta del Este with the key points it demanded going into the talks. Agriculture, investment, intellectual property rights, the rule-making procedures of Gatt, and services will all be subjects of simultaneous negotia-

tions under the umbrella of a single trade negotiating committee to be selected by the Gatt member nations. "It was a success for us because we came down here knowing exactly what we wanted," said Malcolm Baldrige. "Our opponents knew what they did not want. Any time you have this situation in a negotiation, you have an advantage." This allowed the US to build coalitions around the issues. Similar coalitions will be essential to the success of the new round over the next few years when political wills will wax and wane. In no area was this more evident than the controversial issue of services. Developing countries, led by India and Brazil, were strongly opposed to the inclusion of services in the new round. They are fearful of the lead which the advanced nations have in this field and objected to negotiations under the auspices of Gatt, which they regard as a rich man's club. The Indian finance minister, Vishwanath Singh, spoke of the "long struggle against colonial rule". In fighting the proposal. But finally, after Europe and the US made face-saving concessions that allowed a two-track negotiation that was not formally under Gatt, the developing countries reluctantly came in. "Services became the focus of structuring the new round," said Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative. Now, in the ambitious task of trying to complete the round in four years' time, a goal which no one thinks can be reached, the good faith of these nations will be tested severely.

moreover... Miles Kington A bad attack of hypocalcedonia

In France two months ago I saw a poem in a pharmacist's window which pleased me so much that there and then I copied down the first stanza. Here it is, exactly as it was laid out. *En train en voiture en avion en bateau certaines personnes sont prises de malaises: sensation de vertige, état nauséux, sueurs abondantes, accélération de rythme cardiaque, frissons, ces symptômes sont en général accompagnés de troubles digestifs, avec vomissements. C'est LE MAL DES TRANSPORTS* (In English, roughly as follows. "When travelling by train or car, boat or plane, some of you are bound to be overcome by extreme giddiness, waves of nausea, excessive sweating, abnormally fast heart-beat and shivering. These symptoms will usually be accompanied by bowel trouble and vomiting. What you are suffering from is TRAVEL SICKNESS.") The reason I copied this down is not that it seemed so much more elegant in French, but that it neatly pinpointed one of the differences between the French and the English. The French, on the whole, are hypochondriacs and we are not. I was once told by a French pharmacist that he could make a good living out of the Frenchman's preoccupation with his liver alone. The French newspapers this summer were full of pages called "Your Holiday Diseases and How to Deal with Them". In almost any French market you will see an earnest salesman pointing at a plastic model of the human body, full of writhing intestines and detachable offal, marketing little boxes of pills without which your body will fall to pieces just like the model. In almost any French magazine you will see pictures and profiles of French doctors who have made a million through their herbal methods. Put it another way. When faced with the above verse about travel sickness (which was only the opening of a long poem about a sickness cure), the average French person would be filled with a delicious sense of fear. The average English person would laugh

out loud. We are unfeared about disease to the point of foolishness. The English attitude to illness is to ignore all medical advice and mistreat our bodies until one day we crack up; then we turn to the NHS to repair the damage and we get very cross if it can't. Now the reason I said English and not British is that in Edinburgh last month I was reminded just what a strong tradition of hypochondria the Scots share with the French. Or to put it another way, what a huge number of health food shops they have in Scotland, and I don't just mean the modern fresh-painted boutiques with names like Wild Oats, Harvest Friends and the ubiquitous Food for Thought; I mean ancient shops which have been there ever since the Scots started having the worst diet in the world with little trays of forgotten dried hushes in the window, faded photographs of medicines no longer manufactured and signs saying "Mary Queen of Scots bought her laxatives here". Hypochondria is historic in Scotland. But last month I did spot what I think may be a new trend. I saw an empty box of Lucozade lying in an Edinburgh gutter. Does this mean what I think it means? Health food wine? Lucozades? Yes, secret health drinkers who start out with Lucozade before moving on to the hard stuff, such as undiluted Ribena? Milk of magnesia straight from the bottle? There again, you have an interesting distinction between countries. Scottish drinking habits, under their new enlightenment, tend to end up in the gutter more than French ones do. The French go at it slower, more steadily. They would, for instance, be the sort of people who would classify alcoholic drinks according to the effect they had on your bowels, that is, put medical instructions on a bottle of booze. Far-fetched? But that's exactly what they do already; is not everything in France in a colourfully labelled bottle divided between being an aperitif or a digestif? And was I not once refused a drink in a French bar because the barman considered I would be drinking it at the wrong end of the meal? My case rests. (This article is one of a series aimed at emphasizing national differences, instead of the modern wishy-washy tendency to play them down.)



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### TAXING OUR PATIENCE

There is now a degree of consensus about the proper direction of tax reform which is relatively new. To be sure there are important differences of detail between different parties and different countries, and in Britain the Labour Party has absorbed little of the new consensus. But the intellectual approach stretching from parties of the political right to parties on the left of centre and from the Old World to the New is all of a piece.

Mr John Kay's swansong lecture to members of the Institute for Fiscal Studies before he retires as the Institute's director is a good example. The Institute, to the extent that it can be placed in the political spectrum, is emphatically not in the Thatcherite camp. Yet within a package which is purposely designed to cost little more than the proposals in the Government's green paper on transferable allowances, Mr Kay proposes to cut the basic rate of income tax below the Government's own target of 25p in the pound to only 22½p and to bring down the top rate from 60p to 40p for good measure.

Like the Government Mr Kay also wants to raise personal tax allowances (though not in the same way) and to extend the range of goods and services to which value added tax is applied. In these senses he is more Thatcherite than the Thatcherites. And to local taxation he again builds on Government proposals by outbalancing the business rate and charging it on capital values and by substituting a local income tax (included in the 22½p average basic rate) for the exchequer grant.

Of course, there are also important differences. But this

guiding principles are much the same. Consumers, not governments, are the best judges of how their income should be spent and politicians should not try to influence their decisions by taxing some items more highly than others. Income tax is too high. And local government's accountability is too low.

Given this broad consensus, why has there not been more progress under a Government — or any rate Chancellor — with tax reforming aspirations? For Mr Kay it is all the fault of the Inland Revenue. The Revenue is staffed by tax inspectors and tax inspectors do not think strategically like economists. Transfer the function to the Treasury (whose own tiny tax policy division has just been disbanded as a separate entity) and Ministers could luxuriate in fiscal theory and the Grand Design.

There is something in this. No doubt the Revenue would benefit from a little more outside blood. No doubt, too, organisations such as the Revenue can always improve their administrative efficiency. One notices, for instance, that although the Department of Health and Social Security has gone to some trouble to devise efficiency measures for its local social security offices, there are no similar measures recorded in the Public Expenditure White Paper for the Revenue. But it is surely going too far to blame fiscal conservatism all on the Revenue. Grand designs have not been lacking in the Government's discussions of economic policy. The problem has been the perceived political obstacles.

The history of tax reform in the present Parliament should

act as a spur to the Conservatives as they ponder in their 11 strategy groups the policies they want to put before the electorate for a third term. So will the conference-time bids by other political parties for the mantle of tax reformer. The reforms achieved by the Government are not inconsiderable and certainly greater than they are widely given credit for. The reform of corporate taxation, for instance, which has brought the rate of corporation tax down to one of the lowest in the industrialised world by ending the favourable treatment of those companies which happen to be able to make use of investment allowances, has been fully as thorough as anything planned by the Americans.

But some other tax initiatives have at an early stage run up against pledges given in the heat of electoral battle which have made virtually impossible the kind of thoroughgoing reform of personal taxation proposed in the US. After a flying start in 1984 the further extension of the VAT base appeared to founder on election-time pledges not to tax food — though food is taxed to some degree or other in practically all other European countries, and richer households spend considerably more on food.

It will be the task of the Tories' election strategists to think through their policies completely and ensure that the Party rhetoric is fully consistent with them. The present policies are broadly speaking the right ones, and the US experience and the British Budgets of 1984 and 1986 suggest that tax reform can even be popular.

### TRADING IDEAS

Last week in Harrogate, the Social Democrats demonstrated consideration towards their leader by rejecting a motion which would have tied him to making proportional representation a sticking point in any negotiations for a coalition in a hung parliament.

Yesterday at Eastbourne the Liberals were not so trusting of Mr Steel. In passing a motion to reform the working practices of parliament and Whitehall, and to secure the maximum possible implementation of Alliance policies, the Liberal Assembly also declared that it did not want negotiations carried out by their leader alone.

The motion would oblige Mr Steel to conduct negotiations through a negotiating team which would include representatives elected by the parliamentary party (to which they would have to report back for approval during the negotiations) and to consult the party in the country through its national officers.

Proportional representation was not mentioned, but everyone in the hall knew that proportional representation was what it was all about. Indeed in case there should be any doubt about this, Mr David Alton, the Liberal Chief Whip declared that the Liberals would not drop electoral reform in bartering for seats in the Cabinet. "PR is itself a prerequisite for stable

government. Anything else would be a gross betrayal," he proclaimed.

The motion tried to embrace Dr Owen in this commitment by referring to the "two leaders" and "representatives elected by the two parliamentary parties". But since the SDP leader is not binding by the Liberal Assembly, what the motion would mean, if it were acted on, is that Dr Owen would go into the negotiations with a free hand and Mr Steel would not. In which event, who knows what Dr Owen might do?

He has said that if there had to be a second general election in such circumstances he is determined that the other parties should take the electorate's blame for it. Might he not, therefore, accept some vague agreement about a movement towards PR, if he could get the essence of what he wanted? And might this not leave Mr Steel out in the cold?

It is unlikely, Mr Steel's action in putting up Mr Alton to embrace a motion which they knew could not be defeated is best interpreted in the light of the principle: if you can't beat them, join them. As he likes to point out at moments of difficulty, the Liberal leader cannot, in the last analysis, be bound by his Assembly. Besides a degree of fudge is provided by the absence of the actual words

"proportional representation" from the motion. But that apart, who knows what not only Mr Steel but even the representatives elected by the parliamentary party might accept if a real share of power was finally within their grasp in a hung parliament?

This is not, of course, something that can be said outright now. Yesterday's debate on what should happen after the election revealed a party still deeply worried about the absence of a commitment to eventual merger between the parties. But there was also a realistic acceptance on the part of many, and expressed by some, that in working for a victory but preparing for a parliament in which they held the balance of power, it would be absurd to reveal today exactly which matters the Liberals would be prepared to trade in a negotiation.

Nobody could expect the Liberals, with their commitment over many decades to the cause of PR on grounds of national interest as well as party convenience, to say that it is tradable now. But to avoid revealing now what is tradable does not imply that any specific policy, even PR, would be outside the area of trading in circumstances that cannot yet be foreseen. And that is particularly so if a second general election were to produce another hung parliament.

### OWN GOAL

Last season's improvement in the conduct of British football fans has not been sustained. At home and abroad, they have demonstrated a capacity for violence which has shamed their clubs and their country. Only last weekend, the behaviour of Leeds supporters at Bradford and, ironically, of Cardiff fans at Exeter, exemplified the failure of the football league to cope with the contagion.

One place where peace has broken out on Saturday afternoons is Luton. Women go out shopping, householders dig their gardens, fathers take their children to home games... By excluding visiting supporters from their ground, Luton Town has removed the focal point of confrontation. Yet their gate for this season's home match against Arsenal, for example, was only 100 or so smaller than last year's — because the loss of 1,000 or 2,000 away fans was offset by a rise in the number of local people who are drawn back to the game by the prospect of football without violence.

These are early days. The Luton system under which

only club members — of proven identity from a catchment area round the town — are admitted, has still to prove itself over a full season. It is less than ideal, if only because it discriminates against neutrals and benign away supporters. Might a scheme be devised under which these could apply for special "good conduct" passes from their local clubs or police stations? For the time being, however, the Luton solution remains a brave and bold experiment which needs watching.

It needs watching most of all by the Football League management committee, whose own efforts to solve the same problem have so far failed. It may seem drastic. But the menace has become a matter of national concern and there is a general consensus over the need for drastic action. In these circumstances the Luton experiment has needed encouragement, not the reverse. By failing to show the flexibility which lies within its powers, the management committee has scored a decisive own goal and look like the only real losers of last night's cup tie.

parish work, to provide and maintain an "office" and all its expenses of light, heat, postage, stationery etc. The local church gave £482 towards this, which was the most it could manage. So, my true gross stipend was £5,803, namely £111 per week.

Mr Hill-Tout's comment about a "free house" is also misleading. Were it really your own property perhaps a value of £5,000 to £5,000 might be true. But it isn't a "free house", it's a "lied house".

Six years ago I was hardly expected to survive very serious surgery. I did! But it shook me to realise that had I died my wife and family would have had to be out of the rectory within three months.

### Fighting terrorism in open societies

From Mr Miles Copeland (Sen)  
Sir, Lionel Bloch (September 16) makes several valid points on the subject of terrorism but misses the essentials. May I respectfully point out some of them?

First, it is misleading to apply the epithet, "the terrorists", to those who actually commit the acts which reach our newspapers and television screens. These are rarely, if ever, freemen; they are what those who recruit, train, equip and direct them call "bullets" (in Arabic, *rifa'aa*) and, like the bullets they shoot out of their Kalashnikovs, they are expendable.

Second, the publicized "demands" of the "terrorists" are rarely more than tactical. There are two objectives behind all terrorism which, for purposes of counter-terrorist strategy, we classify as "international".

The first is to embarrass the authorities or to show them up as weak and ineffectual, floundering helplessly within their democratic legal systems.

The second is to provoke irrational response, such as, for example, our retaliations on Libya, from which those who use terrorism strategically gain far more than they gain from terrorism itself. The number of persons killed, the cost of property damaged, and the amount of prestige and influence we have lost as the result of our retaliations are many times over the results of all terrorism used against us to date.

This is not to say that we should under no circumstances pay this price, because there are considerations besides and beyond the way against terrorism itself, but we must never forget that there is one. Third, the ultimate consideration which formulators of national policy must take into account is the effect our counter-terrorist relations may have on

our ongoing conflict with the USSR. While Soviet strategists have publicly depicted terrorism, they have covertly encouraged international terrorism, in general, and they have been quick to exploit our reactions to it.

As Moscow's neo-Leninists see their conflict with us, they hope to win not by their strengths but by our weaknesses, not by their gains but by our losses, not from their winning friends but from our losing them.

In Washington, those in the intelligence community who have had actual experience have devised methods of counter-terrorism that have proven effective in the United States, but we have been restrained in our use of them abroad — or reluctant to give the CIA and other security agencies credit for them after they have been effectively employed — because they are necessarily as clandestine as is international terrorism itself and therefore win no points with the general public in President Reagan's ongoing popularity campaign.

This need not be the case here in Britain. Here, after all, you do have plenty of genuine experts — by which I mean members of your security agencies who have actually met and talked to terrorists and their backers, who understand their motivations and ways of thinking, who have spent time in refugee camps and other places where terrorist organizers find and recruit their "bullets", who have lived and worked "in the field" and who have studied the problem of terrorism with the cool objectivity of doctors dealing with a typhoid epidemic.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Faulty arithmetic?

From Mr J. D. Norman  
Sir, Any liberation movement which engages in the serious war we have witnessed in Karachi and Istanbul should not be discredited to such a degree that it should no longer be deemed to be a responsible partner in the search for a Middle Eastern settlement.

All the more reprehensible, therefore, that Robert Fisk (feature, September 8) should write an apology for the Palestinian cause, whilst desperately seeking to distance himself from acts which owe everything to the Nazi cult of callousness and nihilism.

For Fisk, the massacres in Istanbul and Karachi are justified by an atrocity committed 38 years ago (Deir Yassin) and, in some ways, provide the ferment and impetus for a settlement which will accommodate the aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis. But these aspirations are, in fact, asymmetrical and oppositional. The PLO declares that it wants the destruction of the Jewish State; the Israelis demand nothing less than *de jure* recognition of Israel and peace with the Arab world.

We are confronted by an "Arabism" which insists, too, that the displacement of Palestinians is a greater crime against humanity than the murder of millions of Jews.

Journalists such as Robert Fisk bear much of the responsibility for the uprooting of the traditional moral framework which should govern the relationship between states and peoples, in order to replace it with a vague and frequently simulated angst which owes more to ideological conviction than to any established moral truth. A moral equivalence cannot be established between the liquidation of millions of human beings and the suffering of refugees, which is the case Fisk argues in his article.

Palestinian terror may, perhaps, cease when the Palestinians have a state of their own, but a Palestinian state will not emerge until Palestinians divest themselves of the destructive Arab chauvinism which believes the Middle East is an Arab sea upon which only Arabs may freely sail and whilst *de jure* continues to manifest itself among journalists who wish to shape our views according to their own quite honourable, but none the less subjective bias.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN NORMAN,  
117 Nether Street, N12,  
September 18.

### Operations delayed

From Dr B. J. Boughton  
Sir, Jill Sherman (September 9) describes current NHS waiting lists of more than three years for his operations and a situation where more than a quarter are now being carried out by the private health sector.

Throughout a working life of 40 years, British Citizens contribute tens of billions in taxation to support the NHS. For many of them, their only call upon NHS services may be a hip operation.

None of us chooses our diseases and the NHS was created to remove the inequities of ill health amongst us. After a lifetime of taxation, it is disgraceful that some people should have to wait years for such operations.

Perhaps Mr Fowler should tell us what we can or cannot expect from the NHS in return for our taxes and explain why his operations and perhaps other items of service are no longer part of the NHS.

Yours sincerely,  
B. J. BOUGHTON,  
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital,  
Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre,  
Edgbaston,  
Birmingham.  
September 11.

### Heads or tails

From Mr Andrew Sewell  
Sir, Mr Gray very properly questions the correct butter face of a Bath Oliver biscuit (September 13). As a PoW in Singapore I recollect the fortunate acquisition of a traditional tin of these biscuits through unmentionable channels.

The need to spread the benefits as widely as possible, coupled with

### Student loans

From Dr R. E. Davison  
Sir, At this time of year the "high street" banks are advertising widely and somewhat unthinkingly to attract the custom of October's crop of new undergraduate students.

Whilst this may be understandable, it is surely irresponsible of them to use the easy availability of personal loans and overdrafts as part of their advertising strategy. Most higher education lecturers have encountered students whose need to repay such loans has interfered with their studies and, as a consequence has impaired their career prospects. Indeed, lecturers have brought to the attention of this association cases in which students' examination failures may, at least in part, be attributed to their taking part-time work to pay for loans invidiously undertaken.

We trust that the banks will reconsider their strategies and both in their practice and advertising will take a more responsible approach to the consequences of student debt.

Yours faithfully,  
R. E. DAVISON, National Society,  
Association of Polytechnic Teachers,  
81 Albert Road,  
Southsea, Hampshire.

### Clergy stipends

From Canon W. B. Wilkinson  
Sir, The letter in today's Times (September 19) from the Rev Mark L. Hill-Tout comes rather from the heart than the head. I take the point that an 8.2 per cent increase in stipend makes one think, when the Chancellor is pleading with us all, for the sake of the country and employment, not to go beyond about 2.5 per cent, the rate of inflation. Apart from that, his letter is rather misleading.

Last year my stipend was £7,200 — the diocesan rate. Of this, the income tax inspector agreed that I had necessary expenses of £1,879 to provide and run my car for

### A golfing rebuff to Taiwanese

From Mr R. J. Priestley  
Sir, Your readers may have seen an item in the sports pages (September 15) indicating that Taiwan, Republic of China, has withdrawn from the Dunhill Golf Championships at St Andrews later this month because "the British Government will not allow their national flag to be flown in this 16-nations event".

This small article highlights one of the major peculiarities which results from the application of current policy vis-à-vis the non-recognition in a formal sense of Taiwan, Republic of China.

Not to allow the flag of a nation to be flown with flags of other participating countries is to deny the realities of the existence of a thriving, economically advanced, prosperous and booming nation which, in the context of the province of Taiwan, constitutes some 20 million people, with which the United Kingdom has a major multi-million-pound trading position.

Another aspect which may interest readers is that, prior to my paying a short private visit to the Republic of China this summer, information was sought from the consular section of the Foreign Office as to current policy with regard to formal recognition and representation of the interests in Taiwan of UK citizens. No letter was received in return explaining the position.

In the context of what may be deemed a very negative relationship with a friendly, pro-Western, stable and independent state, with whom close trading ties are maintained, the question as to why there appears to be total non-recognition of the Republic of China as a nation and as an entity, extending now to a ban on the use of the national flag, is worthy of a response.

Surely the time is ripe for review of such an unrealistic policy and practice, which does not concord with the unarguable existence of a pro-Western, democratic, friendly nation in the Pacific area, with one of the highest standards of living in Asia and which is very glad to welcome visitors to its shores in a hospitable way. Rebuffs of this sort do not make for increased international understanding.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD PRIESTLEY,  
Barn End,  
Low Farm Close,  
Lindal-in-Furze,  
Nr. Ulverston, Cumbria.  
September 18.

### Highway justice

From the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office  
Sir, Mr Turner (September 17) alleges that the Home Secretary has failed to issue sufficient guidance to the police on the operation of the fixed penalties system.

That is not the case. The Home Secretary has issued detailed guidance, in the form of Home Office circulars to chief officers of police, in fulfilment of his statutory obligation under section 51 of the Transport Act 1982. Clearly the use which individual officers make of the scheme — as opposed to other options — in a particular case is not a matter on which the Home Secretary can pronounce. He knows that chief officers wish to see a uniformity of approach by forces, and that they have had very detailed discussions to this end.

Yours faithfully,  
DOUGLAS HOGG,  
Home Office,  
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

### Keys to success

From Miss Judy Farquharson  
Sir, It is not true that all schoolchildren of both sexes were taught to type as part of their secondary education? Keyboarding for computers, telexes, word processors and typewriters is required in nearly every office, profession and industry.

I find it very disheartening that I cannot help recently qualified graduates, male or female, into jobs simply because they lack this basic skill, and worse, regard the skill as inferior and "secretarial" when, in fact, it is seminal to the "computer age" executive.

Yours faithfully,  
JUDY FARQUHARSON,  
Judy Farquharson Limited,  
47 New Bond Street, W1.

### Keys to success

They would not have been able to buy a home; property prices had far outrun all our struggles to save. What would they have done?

A nominal stipend of £8,000 will work out at a true gross stipend (expenses having been deducted) of roughly £6,121 — i.e., £118 per week. I am grateful for the way in which the Church Commissioners do show care for the clergy: £118 per week isn't sinful wealth for a person with a wife and three young children, which means himself the only breadwinner.

Yours sincerely,  
WILFRED WILKINSON,  
15 Farthingate Close,  
Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

### ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 24 1927

Gene Tunney (1898-1976) twice fought and beat Jack Dempsey (1892-1983) — in 1926 and on September 22, 1927 — the celebrated "long count" fight. Tunney often said that he could have survived without the extra seconds. In 1928, after successfully defending his title against Tom Heeney, he retired from the ring.

### BOXING

#### TUNNEY RETAINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Tunney retained the World's Heavyweight Championship at Soldier's Field, Chicago, on Thursday night, when he scored a convincing victory over Dempsey on points, the fight going the full distance of 10 rounds.

Dempsey has always been essentially a fighter. Tunney beat him at Philadelphia by outboxing him. At Chicago Tunney once again outboxed Dempsey, but he finished by outfighting him too, and that in spite of being knocked down and taking a count of nine in the seventh round. With regard to that count there had been some discussion, and a Reuter message announced that Mr L. Flynn, Dempsey's manager, has stated that he will appeal against the referee's decision.

What happened was that Dempsey, having floored his man, stood over him... and the count was not begun until Dempsey had obeyed the referee's order to retire to the furthest corner of the ring. In accordance with the Illinois Boxing Rule the count does not begin until the combatant who has knocked down his opponent does move to the furthest corner, and Dempsey wasted five seconds before he did so. Had he been quicker he might have scored a knock-out or finished his man before the end of the round. As it was, Tunney, though temporarily stunned, got up and finished the round. The latter stated after the fight that he could have got up at the count of five, but that he obeyed his second's signal to remain down longer before continuing the fight.

Dempsey was badly hurt and beaten by superior boxing and better ring-craft. Tunney, with the exception of that seventh round, had the better of the fight all through, is a worthy champion, and one who may retain the title for some years to come.

#### THE FIGHT

ROUND 3. — Dempsey scarcely seemed to breathe. He was moving slowly and falling into clinches at every opportunity. He seemed short of wind as he began the round, but Tunney was fresh and calm. Dempsey continued to follow the champion round and round, which proceeding ended in a clinch. Here Dempsey scored with a series of heavy blows to the body, which he followed with several knock-downs. The effect of Tunney's mask. Tunney once again found an opening and landed heavily on Dempsey's face. Some stiff in-fighting, and when they separated Tunney caught his opponent on the face with some light jabs. Dempsey's tactics were obviously to hammer Tunney's ribs, but the latter appeared unimpaired. Dempsey, on the other hand, was blurring. Tunney thus won the first three rounds.

ROUND 7. — Tunney let off an opening in the scoring with a left and right to Dempsey's head. The ex-champion retaliated quickly and with a left and right he knocked Tunney down. Tunney stayed there, amidst breathless excitement, for a count of nine, but this was only to regain his breath. Dempsey, stimulated by his own victory, was more opportunistic viciously when he got up but, by holding him off, Tunney gradually recovered. Dempsey immediately got him against the ropes and pounded him viciously in the stomach. The ex-champion's ferce attack aroused tremendous excitement, which was increased when Tunney began to retreat round the ring. Dempsey rushed after him and landed on his neck. Tunney had a narrow escape when Dempsey, with a sudden burst of energy, brought his right under several times for hard body punches which he followed with a powerful right to Tunney's jaw. This was Dempsey's round.

ROUND 10. — After a few exchanges in the final round Tunney's chest was seen to be covered in blood — but it was Dempsey's. Tunney made a furious onslaught on his opponent, rocking him with a swift, stabbing right to the jaw, and then following up with alternate right and left to almost the same spot. With two rights in succession to Dempsey's face he added still more points.

Dempsey stood up better than he might have been expected to, but the best he could do was to clinch. When they came together this time the contrast was even more striking than before the fight began. Tunney had his opponent beaten and practically knocked out as the bell rang.

#### Ace of clubs

From Mr Reginald Pound  
Sir, As a diversion from serious matters of the day, who in London's clubland holds the longest membership record?

At the risk of being dismissed as a struggling amateur, I have been a member of the Savage Club for 62 years.

Yours etc,  
REGINALD POUND,  
9 Fitzmaurice Place,  
Berkeley Square, W1,  
September 17.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE September 23: By command of The Queen, Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Charles of Amisfield (Permanent Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning upon the occasion of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester for the Federal Republic of Germany and bade farewell to their Royal Highnesses on behalf of Her Majesty.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 23: The Duke of Kent today opened the Milcom 86 Conference and Exhibition at Wembley Conference Centre. Captain Michael Campbell-Linton was in attendance. The Duke of Kent, President of King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, this afternoon attended the Officers' Council Meeting at Agnes Keyser House, 55 Beaumont Street, W.1.

Dinners

Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales The Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held its installation court dinner last night at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The Master, Mr D. G. Richards, presided, assisted by the Senior Warden, Sir John Grenside, and the Junior Warden, the Hon. G. H. Wilson. Sir Patrick Neill, QC, and Judge Paterson also spoke.

Marriages

Sir Peter Green and Mrs J. Whitehead The marriage took place yesterday at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, of Sir Peter Green, of Stunton Mill House, Ipswich, and Mrs Jennifer Whitehead, of 20, Oak Road, Mount, Montreal, Canada. The Rev A. W. S. Brown officiated. Mr A. D. Teonan was best man. A reception was held at Glaziers' Hall.

Church news

Appointments The Rev P P C Broadhead, Associate Vicar, Church of St Mary, Northampton, is to be succeeded by the Rev G. J. C. Broadhead, who is to be succeeded by the Rev G. J. C. Broadhead, who is to be succeeded by the Rev G. J. C. Broadhead.

OBITUARY

COL MAURICE CLAISSE

French test pilot who made first helicopter flight Colonel Maurice Claisse, DFC, died in Paris on September 14, after a heart attack. He was 80. Among his many services to aviation over 55 years was the world's first piloted helicopter flight. He tried, first, in 1933, on Louis Breguet's gyroplane, based on Breguet's own 1907 design, but was unsuccessful on account of poor controls. The following year he succeeded on the repaired and modified machine.

Marriages

Mr L.A. Henderson-Russell and Miss A. Crouch The marriage took place on Saturday at Little Church, Essex, of Mr L.A. Henderson-Russell, of 20, Oak Road, Mount, Montreal, Canada. The Rev A. W. S. Brown officiated. Mr A. D. Teonan was best man. A reception was held at Glaziers' Hall.

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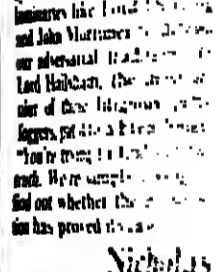
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Marriages

Mr R.W. Roberts and Miss S.J. Marshall The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs George Roberts, of Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Marshall, of Roughton, Shropshire.



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Appointments

Latest appointments include: Rear Admiral N.R.D. King to be Naval Secretary in January, in succession to Rear Admiral R.C. Diamond, who becomes Flag Officer Naval Air Command, in succession to Rear Admiral L.E. Middleton in February.

Birthdays today

Miss Svetlana Borozova, 54; Mr Roy Geoffrey Bowley, 10; Sir Mervyn Brown, 63; Mr Colin Cowe, 69; Marshal of the RAF Sir William Dickson, 88; Sir Seymour Egerton, 71; Mr Brian Granville, 55; Professor Richard Hogart, 68; Sir Robin Kinahan, 70; Sir David Lane, 64; Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, 70; Professor G. P. McNicol, 57; Professor Bernard Nevill, 52; Mr Anthony Newley, 75; Miss Catherine Pestell, 53; Professor Sir Owen Saunders, 82; Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Smeeton, 74; Mr Justice Warner, 62.

£1m sale

Christie's two-day sale of the contents of Callaly Castle in Northumberland, which ended yesterday, raised nearly £1 million. The sale included a collection of 19th-century furniture, tapestries, and a library of over 10,000 books.

Science report

By Keith Hindley The company has also developed the companion decoder chip. Field testing of the circuits on three-foot diameter "breadboards" during the last four months has proved "very satisfactory in all respects".

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Advertisement for 'BICK' beer, featuring a large image of a beer can and the text 'BICK BEER'.

THE ARTS

Television Plates of pleasure

A food programme that coincides with a group of harmony singers - the O.K. Chorale - greeting a plate of grilled shark with "ain't no fish, ain't no blunder" and two hallelujahs is a different enterprise to the bland offerings of Della Smith, Fanny Craddock and Glyn "Pittcain" Christian.

Floyd on Food (BBC2) is presented by a man who is to the kitchen what Patrick Moore is to stars, David Bellamy to trees and James Burke to the international cutaway. With ruffled hair, a lopsided bow-tie and a personal glass of wine, Keith Floyd rips the head off a prawn, lobbers away at an octopus, burns his finger on the cooker and all the while thoroughly enjoys himself.

This is food as she is cooked and eaten. It is also television as she is filmed. For Floyd pursues a symbiotic relationship with his cameraman, Richard Elliott, whom he is always bossing to "come to me" or "back to my plate". Purists might find the result self-indulgent and dishevelled but, in smacking his lips at the contents of a plate rather than its setting, Floyd brings some much-needed fun to our screens. Sardines become pillars after 4 1/2 inches, after half an hour Keith Floyd could become an addiction.

Which is more than could be said for Issues of Law (BBC2), a new series about our glorious legal system. Presented in unmodulated tones by Michael Molyneux, a barrister as grey as his suit, the first programme was seriously tedious. "To a spectator at the back of the court it can all look rather boring", said Molyneux without attempting to contradict himself as he strode through resounding steps through the Royal Courts from whence all but he had fled.

The first person interviewed was a Belgian lawyer who confessed he did not understand the British common law system. It was then put to luminaries like Lord Denning and John Mowbray to defend our adversarial tradition. As Lord Hailsham, the most senior of these litigious pettifoggers, put it to a Frenchman: "You're trying to find out the truth. We're simply trying to find out whether the prosecution has proved its case."

Nicholas Shakespeare

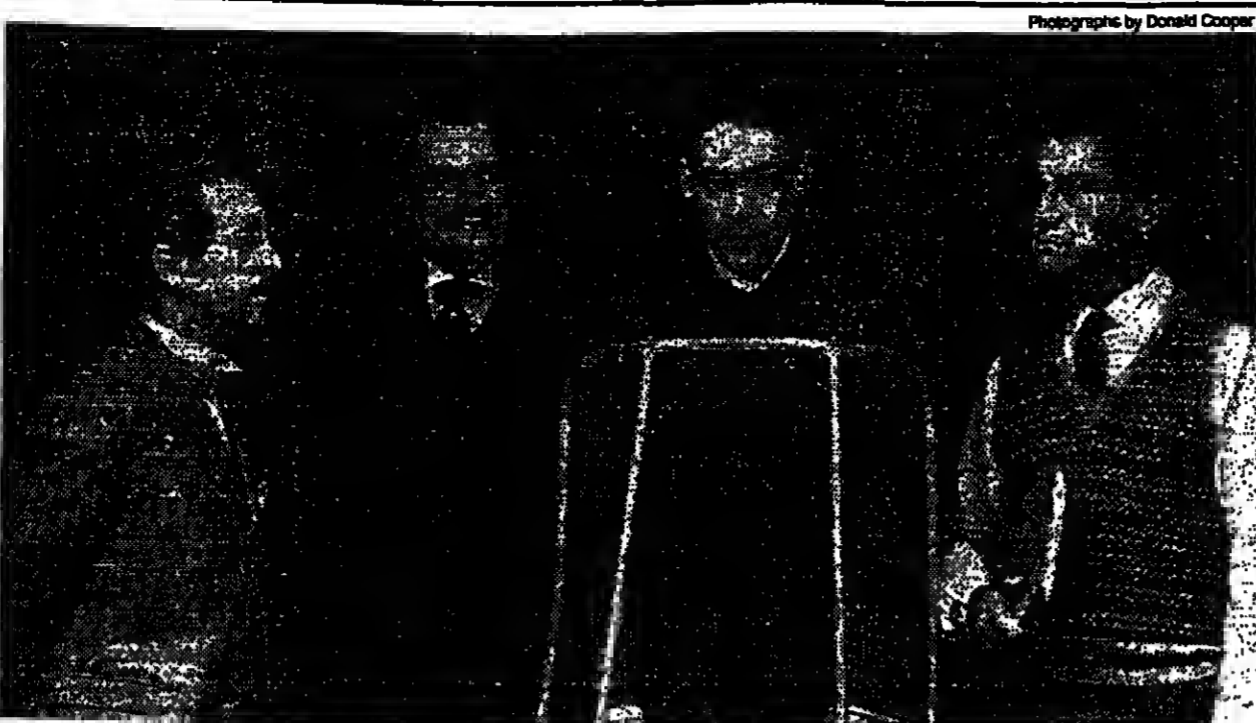
Simon Banner meets Gemma Craven (right), who opens in Pinero's The Magistrate at the Lyttelton tonight

A farcical chance to be taken seriously

"You can tell I've settled in here", says Gemma Craven, confidently leading the way through the labyrinthine corridors backstage at the National Theatre, "from the way my dressing-room resembles something out of Homes and Gardens. I have to make it like that", she adds in explanation, "because I haven't been out of the building for months." Certainly the actress cannot have much spare time at the moment. It was back in May that she began rehearsals for the part of Mariann, the colonel's girlfriend in Wertel's Jacobowsky and the Colonel, which opened during the summer, and soon she goes into rehearsal for Three Men on a Horse, an American comedy written by John Cecil Holm and George Abbott due to open in January, in which she plays a gangster's moll.

Tonight, meanwhile, brings the opening of a play which gives her probably the most considerable role of the three. In Arthur Pinero's century-old farce The Magistrate, Gemma Craven is cast as Agatha Fosket, late Farrington, née Verrinder, wife to a suitably harassed-looking Nigel Hawthorne as the magistrate himself, and the mendacious woman of highly uncertain age around whom the plot revolves.

PICK OF THE FRINGE... See classified... Donmar Warehouse Theatre



In the time-warp: Andrew Sachs (left), Jim Broadbent, Roger Lloyd Pack as an immovably doleful Kafka, Geoffrey Palmer

Theatre: Irving Wardle reviews Alan Bennett's new play Snared in the undergrowth

Kafka's Dick Royal Court

To clear up any doubts in the matter, the object of Alan Bennett's title is indeed the penis of Prague's most famous author, and argument about its dimensions in comparison, say, with Scott Fitzgerald's and that of Kafka Senior occupies a crucial part in this comedy which proves morally serious enough to quell even the abuse of Steven Berkoff.

This is Bennett's second play about Kafka, and you could describe both of them as exercises in anti-biography. The myth is that Kafka was obliged to waste his creative energies in an accident insurance office, and practise his art against the opposition of a brutal, philistine father. In The Insurance Man, Bennett challenged the first item by showing him as rather good at the job and perhaps even enjoying it (a German firm is now in the process of publishing his collected accident-claim reports).

In the new piece, Bennett moves on to the second item and brings back old Hermann Kafka, cleaning out his ear with a toothpick and determined to clear his name even at the expense of revealing his son's puny genitalia to the literary world. Why should writers always get away with patricide? And, as an insurance man, Kafka should be well aware that "the injured

party always exaggerates". So much for Bennett's head-on challenge to literary myth. There is a great deal more than that, too much in fact, to the play. It takes place in a Pirandellian time-warp, bringing Kafka and his parents into the suburban living-room of a modern biographer who sees his chance of making a reputation by claiming Hermann as a model father. At this point, the title member takes on another meaning. As the most secretive artist, it supplies Hermann with an invincible lever. But it also represents the kind of trivia - along with Anden's unwashed trousers and E.M. Forster's boyfriends - on which biographers seize in order to cut great men down to size.

Bennett's biographer Sydney (Geoffrey Palmer), however, is also an insurance man: a factor which lines him up with Kafka just as you have got him marked down as a literary parasite. This strikes me as a self-cancelling procedure; and the picture is further complicated by the presence of Max Brod (Kafka's first biographer), Sydney's non-literary wife (who inexplicably falls for Kafka) and her bewildered old father - the only Kafkaesque figure in the play, who periodically potters in on his walking-frame to declare "Someone's been telling lies about me".

The dominant impression is that Bennett has set up a

situation so dense with associative echoes and critical ideas that it is virtually impossible for any plot to move through it. One strand of plot depends on Brod's publication of Kafka's writings in defiance of his instructions to burn them. Much comic effort goes into hiding away stacks of London Library volumes from the author's gaze; but, when Brod's treachery finally comes to light, that line of action simply reaches a dead end. Mr and Mrs Kafka arrive like Pirandellian refugees, two characters in search of an author. But as biography is being discredited, they get nowhere; indeed, Hermann finally realizes that it is only as a bad parent that he has any chance of being remembered at all.

There is a replay of The Trial (for which William Dudley ingeniously transforms the walking-frame into the dock), but nothing decisive comes of it. There are short-lived spasms of action, involving passing embarrassments and jealousies, leading finally to a thunderous endorsement of the original myth.

My feeling is that Bennett has taken more on board than he can deal with. He is absolutely in command during the prelude, where a self-dramatizing Kafka delivers his dying wishes to a sceptically Jewish Brod, who counters them by forecasting the Nazis' book-burning. When it is a question of

looking forward, the anachronistic comedy works beautifully. But not when it comes to looking back.

There remains, of course, the Bennett dialogue, which is as rich as ever in exquisitely turned domestic banalities and literary give-aways; and also in deft pastiche of the title author - in particular one marvellous speech where Kafka responds to the wife's seductive offer of chocolates with an exhaustive description of every move she has made since coming into the room: the eternal outsider inventing the actions of the living.

Roger Lloyd Pack plays him with an immovably doleful cringe, hands twisted together and jacket tightly buttoned to suggest the insect hero of Metamorphosis. The comic element gradually emerges as one realizes that this means he is having a good time.

Richard Eyre's production does loving justice to the lines but puts so much energy into passages of stage action as to leave you grounded when debate takes over. Andrew Sachs's Brod is a splendidly puppet companion to the sepulchral protagonist; Alison Steadman a voluptuous addition to Bennett's gallery of suburban earth-mothers; and Jim Broadbent, no matter what he may claim for old Hermann's virtues and prowess as a fancy-goods salesman, an ogre from the moment he sets foot in the room.

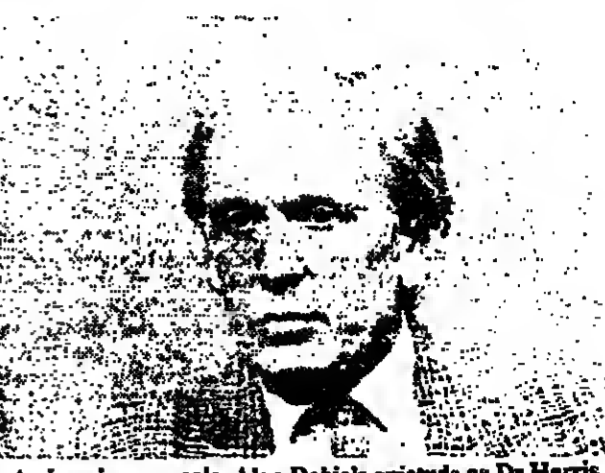
Gravity without depth

Talk to Me New End

One of the saddest of dramatic spectacles is that of the writer who trivializes a subject about which he feels deeply, not because he means to but because his writing lacks the precision and detail to make it credible and moving.

William Humble's play Talk to Me is an aridly written chamber debate about a young married architect called Matthew (Robert Daws) who is overtaken by depression. At first he thrashes about, wretchedly belligerent, able to make nothing of his condition. Later, infuriated by his wife's comformless sympathy, and egged on by an easygoing female colleague who has her traumas behind her, he agrees to see a psychoanalyst. The psychoanalyst is called Dr Harris, and he interrogates Matthew with brooding self-satisfaction.

He is acted with silver-haired quietude by Alan Dobie and, as he and Matthew play Socrates and Plato, the evening slips irrevocably into high unintentional farce. Although Harris asks questions interminably, usually of a



An imaginary puzzle: Alan Dobie's quietude as Dr Harris

grandiose, quasi-philosophical nature, his mind seems aloof and empty, hypnotized by some imaginary puzzle in the near-middle distance. The audience clearly found him funny, and, as I fought to contain a rising wave of giggles, I suddenly chanced upon the image which he conjured up. With his back inhumanly straight and face tight and tense, Harris looked like some discreet old gentleman who has discovered to his horror that he is suffering from food poisoning in a public place and who dare not move lest his bowels erupt.

When the character was acted on television by Alan Howard, in the play's original incarnation, Howard tried to give the man some illusion of life by rattling off his exegesis as if he had a mouth full of castanets. Good actors only behave like this when driven to it by inadequate material.

Nowhere in Humble's writing is there the intense and specific misery which depression actually creates, and which makes it such a deadening experience to all who undergo it. Instead, the dialogue follows the generalized cadences of polite melodrama, as characters sigh resignedly or jolly themselves heartily along. Critics will object that Matthew is a winging ninny and that his wife is a shrill and shallow stereotype. Humble knows well enough that depression makes people self-centred and petulant, but his writing never achieves the depth necessary to chart the emotional contours below. Talk to Me is a brave attempt at playwrighting which falls disastrously short, and it is not helped by a production which treats it with the somber gravity of Ibsen. The director is Wyn Jones.

Andrew Rissik

Andrzej Jackowski Marlborough Fine Art

With so many British artists with Polish names around at the moment, it is probably necessary immediately to define Andrzej Jackowski, who is having a show of recent work at Marlborough Fine Art until Friday, is the one who was not born in Scotland (Wales, actually, though he disclaims any significant Celtic connections) and who paints mainly dark-toned, rather brooding compositions drawn from a sort of pool of private imagery which one can only call, for want of a better word, Symbolist.

He himself denies the label, or at least mistrusts it - certainly in so far as it might be taken to imply some sort of exact literary programme and lead spectators to expect a pattern of precise equivalences. Like Pinter - though

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his world seems to be a lot closer to the primeval than Pinter's - he maintains that he does not know what his paintings "mean" until he has finished them. And then, though he may devise quite elaborate explanations, he doubts whether his explanations have any more validity than anyone else's. In both their cases, Pinter's and Jackowski's, one can well believe that their works seem to trawl in some kind of Jungian collective unconscious to snatch a grace beyond the reach of art.

There can be no question, though, that on a technical level Jackowski knows exactly what he is doing. He has sometimes been compared to the older John Bellamy (Jackowski is now 39) but, though they both have a repertoire of personal imagery which pervades their work, temperamentally the two are totally unlike: Jackowski is in no way an Expressionist, but on the contrary husbands his resources with an almost classi-

cal reticence. One of the earliest paintings on show, The Fir Tree, with its sleeping lord beneath the boughs, fleetingly suggests David Jones, but otherwise, with his strange constructions, his boats and his towers and his curiously entangled (though not at all anguished-seeming) figures, he seems to be off entirely on his own. The meaning of the work is not really accessible to intellectual analysis: it has to be experienced viscerally. And, so taken, his paintings are very hard to forget.

Also, he seems to work best on a relatively large scale, and as the result of long and detailed labour: his sketches and drawings are much less interesting than what they lead to. Nor does he show any sign of running out of steam: already confident and mature, he looks like one of the best hopes for the future that British painting today has to offer.

John Russell Taylor

Concert

Hanson Quartet British Music Information Centre

To hear one's own music dissected and criticized in front of an audience by a group of performers may be a touch humiliating, but salutary lessons about putting into practice what has hitherto existed only in the mind's ear can be learnt. And they were in this Society for the Promotion of New Music workshop as the patient, amiable and expert Hanson Quartet inquired about the meaning of a slur (was it a tie, a bowing mark) or questioned the feasibility of playing a hushed slow passage with the wood of the bow.

In general both David Collins and Robin Gosnell acted positively to such points, though on occasion they stuck obstinately to their guns. Collins's Nocturnes (his second string quartet) seemed in its first movement to be a little unsure of its purpose and even its own dialectic, for all its

impressive idiomatic touches. As if it were a deliberate reaction the second movement by stark contrast planted its roots firmly in the territories of Debussy, Ravel and early Messiaen with its obsessive, syncopated parallel motion, while the finale, the movement that began with that curious col legno effect, was the most successful, touched by an instinctive lyrical feel and by a real sense of its own direction.

At just 24, Gosnell is separated from Collins by very nearly 10 years, and it showed both in the ingenuousness of his Quartet Movement and in its conspicuously romantic idiom. There are echoes of Britten's Third Quartet here, with lovely nostalgic tunes punctuated by the odd violent gesture.

Indeed it was an excess of such rhetoric that betrayed Gosnell's relative inexperience, though there can be little doubt that with such readiness to express himself naturally it is only a matter of time before he gains his compositional wings.

Stephen Pettitt

Rock

Metallica Hammersmith Odeon

Heavy metal? A farcical Boy's Own aberration incorporating all the worst elements of rock-music cliché, wrapped up in a package of silly costumes, volume-worship and lyrics and symbolical misogyny. We have all heard something of the sort, and yet this is to deny the merit of an entire sub-genre on the grounds of obscene characteristics. Similar treatment was being meted out to country music not so long ago.

Yet once you scratch beneath the bizarre stylistic codes of HM, most of which function to protect the music from being co-opted by critics and the over-25s (which would swiftly render it impotent as such a genuine instrument of teenage rebellion), there is a lot of fun to be had.

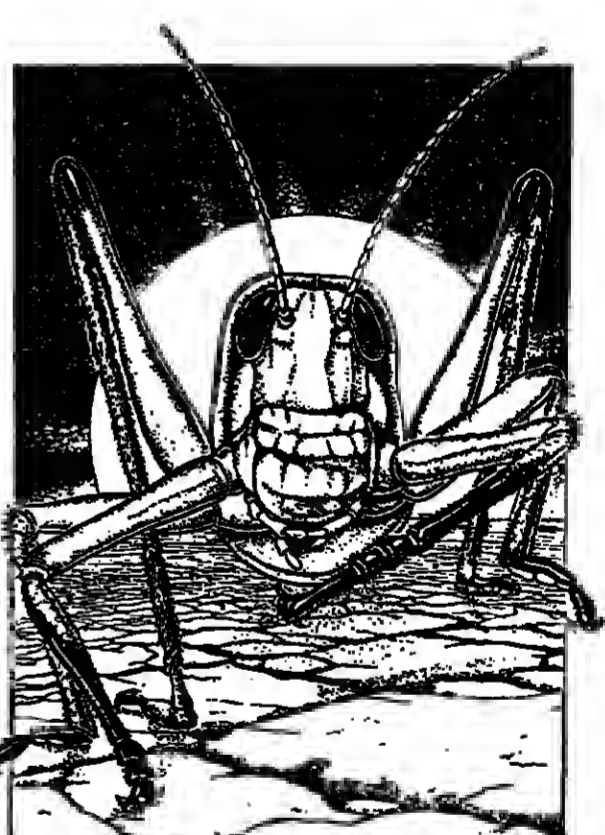
Metallica, a cult band from San Francisco whose last album sold 100,000 copies in Europe alone, are the Ramones of heavy metal. Dressed plainly in T-shirts and tattered jeans, and all

sporting long, unkempt hair, they bashed their way through the set, with heads, arms and guitars flailing like monsters in a puppet show. They have one favourite riff - a cross between Black Sabbath's "Paranoid" and Led Zepelin's "Communication Breakdown", but played at twice the speed of either song - and one theme: death. The backdrop was a view of scried lines of tombstones stretching into the distance.

Unfortunately, the rhythm guitarist and vocalist James Hetfield had injured his wrist and the inclusion of an extra, debut guitarist, although an able player, diluted the intensity of the performance. But they still showed that as agents of musical catharsis they have few peers, as they carelessly piled up songs one on top of another in the best punk tradition.

While rock now proceeds in many directions along an increasingly sophisticated grid, there are still raw elements from a variety of source active at its core. There is certainly more to Metallica than a series of empty macho postures to be lumped in with blanket, kneejerk critiques.

David Sinclair



The face of the killer devouring Africa

Plagues of locusts and grasshoppers are swarming across the African continent, destroying precious food crops in their path. The rains that promised relief from famine have provided ideal breeding conditions. Swarms of up to 40 billion locusts are feared, capable of devouring 80,000 tonnes of crops each day - enough to provide food for almost 2 million people for a year.

If the locusts aren't checked now, the consequences can be catastrophic - more crops destroyed... widespread famine that could last for years... fertile fields turning to desert. Oxfam has already rushed pesticides and spraying equipment to stricken areas. But much more action must be taken by Oxfam and the wider world community to control the locusts, re-seed for new crops and provide food for the hungry. The need is desperate - please send your donation today.

Oxfam has made a start: 60,001 of pesticide for Chad, cost: £26,654; 4 Land Rovers & spray equipment for Ethiopia; 13,000 l. of pesticide spray & protective equipment for the flora of Africa, cost: £210,131 incl. airfreight.

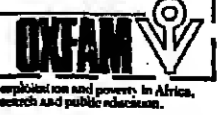


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# Kremlin frees companies to foreign trade

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As part of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's continuing programme of economic reform, the Kremlin has unveiled a far-reaching liberalization of its foreign trade which will end the monopoly exercised for decades by the Foreign Trade Ministry and give many large concerns wider freedom to do business with the West.

Under the new regulations, which will come into effect on January 1 next year, more than 20 ministries and 70 enterprises will be granted the right to enter foreign markets freely.

Western economic experts said the move appeared designed to increase the competitiveness of Soviet manufacturing exports, shift the emphasis from raw materials and encourage the setting up of joint ventures with foreign firms. They described the reform as complementing the Soviet Government's recent expression of interest in joining GATT, the 92-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

A decree published yesterday heralded the end of the Foreign Trade Ministry's monopoly on Soviet foreign trade introduced soon after the 1917 revolution.

The Soviet share in world trade does not meet the current level of the country's economic development or its demands, the decree said.

"The export potential of manufacturing industries, above all, mechanical engineering, is not being used satisfactorily."

In recent years, Western businessmen have complained with increasing vigour about the bureaucratic obstacles imposed by the large Foreign Trade Ministry, which has seen the total volume of trade under its control, increase to around £40 billion a year.

According to unofficial estimates provided by Western economic experts, the new reform will free about £4 billion of that away from the ministry's direct control, with the percentage expected to grow as the balance of exports tilts away from the present top-heavy emphasis on raw materials.

But the new decree made clear that despite the liberalization, a degree of centralized supervision will still be exercised.

# Cabinet angry over expulsion of Luton

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Liverpool fans rioted. Among her proposals was that clubs should have their own membership scheme. Luton is one of the few clubs strictly to follow her recommendations and has used membership cards as the way to exclude visiting supporters.

Mr Travers said that the Government was watching and gauging its effectiveness at eliminating hooliganism. "If we have to use the Luton method then so be it. Football is still on trial."

The Football Association will consider whether Luton can play in the FA Cup at a meeting on October 8.

Mr Jeffrey Archer, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, said yesterday: "What a mad world we live in when someone tries to do something positive about hooliganism, they are themselves punished."

Hooligans are currently ruining soccer for normal, civilised people and today's decision by the Football League in no way helps the cause of law and order.

"The Football League could have imagination. Why ban Luton? They could have treated weapons instead of replacing them with new ones."

"The technology of destruction must not be allowed to determine policy."

Mr Shevardnadze said he was authorized to state that the Soviet Union was prepared to sign at any time and in any place a treaty on a total prohibition of nuclear weapons tests.

"We are prepared to do so here at the United Nations, so that the entire world community could become part of this great act and a turning point in history is marked as a sign of respect for its will," he said.

"Words not matched by deeds are a false value. But words supported by deeds are a country's gold reserve."

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# East-West relations get a hand



A Soviet observer, Major Arkady Bobrov, left, helping Major Peter Tscherny, a Dane, over a barbed wire fence during an exercise by a Danish armoured division during the Nato exercise "Bold Guard" on the West German Baltic Sea coast.

# Shevardnadze attacks bid for 'space tyranny'

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George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, at the UN, but there was no immediate word of any progress on the Daniloff affair.

In his UN address, he said: "There is one path to security — to destroy existing weapons instead of replacing them with new ones."

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# Frank Johnson with the Liberals

# Dog days back for the Silly Party

The Liberals after an agitated debate listened to by an absconded and crowded hall, yesterday voted against the carefully confused, but clearly non-radical defence policy which their leaders had worked out with the Social Democrats to satisfy Dr David Owen.

The most important aspect of the defeated policy was that we should keep Polaris, and then — when it became obsolete — should somehow work out a joint arrangement with the rest of Europe.

That arrangement would not necessarily be nuclear, although some textual scholars argued that there was some doubt as to whether the policy meant that all the sowing of such doubt being clearly the intention of the policy.

In any case, a majority of the assembly would have none of it. They voted for an amendment which said, in effect, that we should no longer have a nuclear weapon after Polaris.

This year's Liberal Assembly had been preceded by many assurances, by various authorities in the prints, that the Liberals, after 15 years of being the Silly Party, were now the Sensible Party, a party which had returned to the tradition of the late Clement Davies rather than that of the late Rinka.

For the benefit of younger readers, Clement Davies came several leaders after Gladstone and one leader before Mr Jeremy Thorpe. Had it not been for Mr Thorpe, it could be said that he was the last Liberal leader to be associated with important legal proceedings. However, he was a distinguished barrister rather than a distinguished defendant. The Liberal Party was no fun in his day.

Rinka was a more controversial and more famous figure than Clement Davies. His place in Liberal history is more secure than Clement Davies' because he is believed to be the last prominent figure in that history to be shot dead.

He was never able to give his version of the turbulent Liberal politics of his time because he suffered from the disadvantage of being a dog.

For further information, the younger reader is referred to the standard works on Rinka, and the less copious literature on Clement Davies.

After two days here, there was no sign that all those badge-wearers, open-necked shirts and believers in a windmill-powered national grid were prepared to embrace bourgeois rationalism to help Mr Steel help Dr Owen.

They remained the soul of the party, and indeed the beard of the party. The signs were there during the address of the president-elect, Mr "Des" Wilson — a contemporary of Rinka's and one of the earliest of the Sillies.

Just as some people are Young Fogies, Mr Wilson is one of the Old Turks — people who were once Young Turk amendment which said, in effect, that we should no longer have a nuclear weapon after Polaris.

Martin Luther King and someone whom he said was Perry Clees.

This turned out to be not a Liberal community politician, but the ancient Greek orator Mr Wilson caught the tone of the Assembly. Naturally, people who adopt this tone do not consider themselves to be Sillies. They consider themselves to be idealists. They are motivated by age-old emotions — love of their idea of peace and freedom, loathing of Dr Owen.

It was noticeable that even the defeated, pro-Owen, anti-beard defence policy took care to use the language of Wilsonian idealism. "Just look for one moment what Europe can achieve when speaking with one voice," said the original mover, Mr James Wallace, the party's defence spokesman in Parliament.

Some us thought though for one moment about achievements common to Europe: the bidet, unlimited licensing hours.

Mr Wallace had in mind such things as the successful European opposition to the neutron bomb.

### Today's events

**Royal engagements**  
The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, opens the Ealing Enterprise Agency, 69-71, The Broadway, West Ealing, W13, 10.30; and attends Business in the Community's Industry Year conference, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam St, WC2, 11.45; and then visits offices of Business in the Community, 27A, City Rd, EC1, 1.40; later he gives reception for Ferranti sponsored graduate engineers from University College, North Wales, Kensington Palace, W8, 6.45.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, presents the prizes for BBC Television's programme *Why Don't You... Help the Aged's* headquarters, St James's Walk, EC1, 10.30.

The Princess Anne opens the new Laboratory of The Coopers' Company and Coborn School, St Mary's Lane, Uxminster, 3; and later attends a dinner in aid of the Caldecott Community, Banqueting House, Whitehall, 8.10.

The Duke of Kent, as President, attends the Business and Technician Education Council's dinner, Institute of Directors, Fall Mall, SW1, 7.05.

The Duchess of Kent visits the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's station, Brixham, Devon, 10.30; and then opens the new Embankment, Dartmouth, 12; later she visits Devon Hospice, 2.

Princess Alexandra opens the extension of the New Victoria Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, 3; and later attends a dinner for delegates attending the General Assembly of the International Federation of Stock Exchanges, Hampton Court Palace, 7.30.

Princess Michael of Kent visits the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington Camp, Dorset, 10.

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,159

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

- ACROSS
- 1 Get some air in a cah with me, perhaps (8).
  - 2 Schoolboy who doesn't have rows (3,3).
  - 3 Katie Glover, blonde from Australia? (4,4,2,5).
  - 4 Narrow neck — a typically Corinthian feature (7).
  - 5 From the PR angle, somehow it helps in a marine take-over (7).
  - 6 Roman poet had skills in vermillion (8).
  - 7 Smooth intersection (5).
  - 8 Vehicle or horseback — either will do (8).
  - 9 Single knot soundly spliced (8).
  - 10 In French hearts they are cries for more (7).
  - 11 Poor Clio, seized by bird from home of the Muses (7).
  - 12 £1 avocado dinner cooked for polymath (8,2,5).
  - 13 Joint in double-breasted jacket (6).
  - 14 Move up to fetch in van (3,5).
- DOWN
- 1 Business liaison (6).
  - 2 Standing up in herring boat's stern (9).
  - 3 David gets no supplement as a recipient of charity (7).

Solution to puzzle No 17,158

Across: 1. FISHING, 2. CATCH, 3. BIRD, 4. FISH, 5. BIRD, 6. FISH, 7. BIRD, 8. FISH, 9. BIRD, 10. FISH, 11. BIRD, 12. FISH, 13. BIRD, 14. FISH, 15. BIRD, 16. FISH, 17. BIRD, 18. FISH, 19. BIRD, 20. FISH, 21. BIRD, 22. FISH, 23. BIRD, 24. FISH, 25. BIRD, 26. FISH, 27. BIRD, 28. FISH, 29. BIRD, 30. FISH, 31. BIRD, 32. FISH.

### New exhibitions

Textile sculpture by Daniel Graffin: Octagon Gallery, Orpheus Building, York St, Belfast, Tues to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Oct 18).

Selected works by Mary Kelly: Kettle's Yard Gallery, Castle St, Cambridge: Tues to Sat 12.30 to 5.30, Thurs 12.30 to 7, Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends Oct 26).

Paintings by The Monday Group of Artists: Regent Centre, High St, Chichester, Dorset: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5 (ends Oct 3).

North Wales Music Festival: Harp recital by Siobhán Williams, 11; Recital by the Medici String Quartet, 7.30: St Asaph Cathedral, Cwyd.

Concert by the London Brass: Chester Cathedral, 7.30.

Organ recital by Christopher Fletcher: Goodingston Parish Church, Paignton, Devon, 7.30.

Woodburn Festival: Organ recital by Gillian Weir: High Wycombe Parish Church, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Festival Theatre, Paignton, Devon, 7.30.

Recital by Angela Needham (clarinet) and David Hainesworth (piano): Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Rd, Dorchester, 1.

Concert by the Cinque Ports Brass Ensemble and Jacques Thompson (folk songs and guitar): Hythe Town Hall, Kent, 7.30.

Organ recital by Thomas Trotter: Brixingham Town Hall, 1.

Recital by Isabelle Flory (violin) and Robin Colvill (piano): Arts Guild Theatre, Greenock, Strathclyde, 7.30.

### Talks, lectures

Conserving Lakeland, by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers: Late District National Park Visitor Centre, Bruckhole, Windermere, 1.30.

A Cottage in the Country, by G.C. Lamb: Room MBI, Buckingham University, 7.30.

Morning demonstration concert by the Alberti String Quartet for 7 to 13 year olds: Greenville College, Bideford, 10.30-11.30.

Ardingly Giani Antiques Trade and Collectors Fair: The Showground, Ardingly, nr Haywards Heath, 7.30 to 4; free coach service from Haywards Heath BR station on the hour.

### The pound

Bank	Sale	Bank	Sale
Australia	2.29	Bank of China	2.26
Austria	21.80	Bank of India	21.80
Canada	64.80	Bank of Japan	64.80
Denmark	2.08	Bank of Korea	2.08
France	6.55	Bank of New Zealand	6.55
Germany	1.93	Bank of Norway	1.93
Italy	1.36	Bank of Portugal	1.36
Japan	11.71	Bank of Spain	11.71
Netherlands	2.20	Bank of Sweden	2.20
Norway	1.31	Bank of Switzerland	1.31
Portugal	222.90	Bank of Taiwan	222.90
Spain	16.40	Bank of Thailand	16.40
Sweden	10.47	Bank of USA	10.47
Switzerland	2.20	Bank of Yugoslavia	2.20
USA	1.35		
Yugoslavia	750.00		

### New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week. Covering, by Jonathan Raban (Collins Harvill, £10.95).

Lawrence Sterne, The Later Years, by Arthur H. Cash (Methuen, £30).

The Celtic Revival, A Scottish Journal, by Mary Taylor Simms (Widg, £5.95).

Quintin Terry, The Revival of Architecture, by Clive Aslet (Widg, £40).

Raymond Aron, The Philosopher in History 1905-1955, The Sociologist in History 1955-1983, by Robert Colquhoun (Sage, £30 and £35).

The Collins English Dictionary, second edition, edited by Patrick Hanks (Collins, £14.50).

The Oxford Companion to German Literature, edited by Henry and Mary Garland (Oxford, £25).

The Sixties Chapel, Michelangelo Rediscovered (Muster, Blond & White, £40).

William Golding, The Man and His Books, A Tribute on his 75th Birthday, edited by John Carey (Faber, £12.50).

Wales, Occasional Essays '65-'66, by David Lodge (Secker & Warburg, £12.95).

### Roads

The Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich), M42: Roadworks between junctions 3 and 4 (Redditch/Stratford) mean lane closures; delays likely at peak times.

Wales and West: M4: Contraflow at junction 24 (Newport): M5: Outside lane closed for repairs between junctions 22 and 23 (Burnham-on-Sea to Bridgewater) N and southbound.

A4: Traffic restrictions at Chippenham, Wilt; delays expected.

The North: A1 (M): Contraflow southbound just N of Bowburn interchange, Co Durham: M6: Contraflow between junctions 1 and 2. Lane entry slip roads onto southbound carriageway closed. A56: Road reduced to 1 lane only between junction 1 and 2.

Scotland: A74: Contraflow with width restriction between Carnlyle Ave and Mount Vernon Ave, Glasgow. A9: Roadworks closed one lane southbound on Forth Road Bridge. Fife: long delays. A96: Aberdeen: expect delays. Information supplied by AA.

### Anniversaries

Births: Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford, writer, London, 1717; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert, writer and politician, Epsom, Surrey, 1890; E. Scott Fitzgerald, St Paul, Minnesota, 1896; Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist and co-inventor of penicillin therapy, Nobel laureate 1945, Adelaide, 1898.

Deaths: Paracelsus, physician, Salzburg, 1541; Niels Finzen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Copenhagen, 1904; Melanie Klein, psychoanalyst, London, 1960.

### Guide dog week

The second annual Guide Dog Week runs from September 29 to October 5. Seven regional centres and about 400 local voluntary branches will be holding events.

More information can be obtained from The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 9 Park Street, Windsor, Berks, SL4 1JR. Tel: (0753) 855711.

# Weather forecast

Ridge of high pressure extending NE over the United Kingdom, but with a weak frontal trough affecting the extreme N.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Angles: Mainly dry, cloudy with fog patches at first but sunny intervals developing; wind NE, light; max 19C (66F).

Central S, SW England, Midlands, S Wales: Dry, fog patches clearing, bright or sunny intervals developing; wind NE, light; max temp 20C (68F).

E, NW, central N, NE England, N Wales: Mainly dry, cloudy with fog patches at first but sunny intervals developing; wind light and variable; max temp 17C (63F).

Channel Islands: Bright intervals, patchy some rain at first; wind NE light or moderate; max temp 18C (64F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, North-west Ireland: Cloudy with perhaps a little drizzle at first, sunny intervals developing; wind light and variable; max temp 16C (61F).

Borders, East coast, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Bright intervals, mainly dry; wind NW light; max temp 16C (61F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; wind W light; max temp 15C (59F).

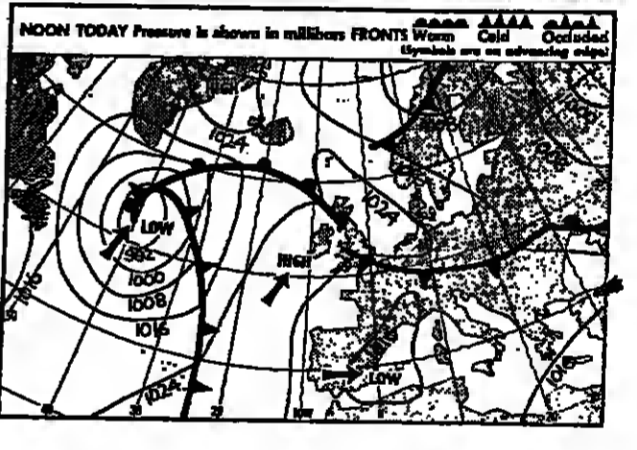
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rather cloudy in the N with a little rain at times, especially during Friday. Sunny periods and patches of overnight fog in the S. Temperatures near or a little above normal.

Sun rises	Sun sets	Temp
6:49 am	6:55 pm	
Moons sets	Moons rises	6:10 pm

Last quarter: September 26

**Lighting-up time**  
London 7:25 pm to 6:21 am  
Bristol 7:35 pm to 6:31 am  
Edinburgh 7:38 pm to 6:35 am  
Wolverhampton 7:34 pm to 6:28 am  
Penzance 7:47 pm to 6:42 am

**Yesterday**  
Temperatures at midday yesterday: C. C. F. C. F.  
London 12.12  
Birmingham 12.02  
Bristol 12.02  
Cardiff 11.92  
Edinburgh 11.82  
Glasgow 11.72  
Liverpool 11.62  
Manchester 11.52  
Newcastle 11.42  
Nottingham 11.32  
Penzance 11.22  
Sheffield 11.12  
Southampton 11.02  
Wolverhampton 10.92  
Wrexham 10.82  
York 10.72



### High Tides

Location	AM	PM	HT	LT
London Bridge	6.05	6.5	6.18	6.5
Aberdeen	4.21	3.7	3.48	3.15
Aberystwyth	11.20	11.5	11.28	11.0
Belfast	1.27	3.1	3.51	5.1
Cardiff	3.15	10.7	7.28	10.2
Cardigan Bay	3.28	5.0	5.54	6.0
Devonport	3.96	5.9	3.16	4.8
Dover	3.15	5.1	4.8	5.6
Falmouth	5.02	4.8	5.08	4.4
Glasgow	4.02	4.6	4.18	3.7
Hull	10.32	5.5	10.45	6.2
London	6.59	7.6	10.19	7.4
Liverpool	3.15	4.4	3.27	4.1
Lowestoft	1.36	3.5	1.50	2.3
Margate	4.04	4.4	4.07	4.4
Newport News	10.19	6.0	10.41	5.7
Newquay	3.21	5.0	3.18	4.6
Oban	8.25	3.4	8.59	3.8
Penzance	8.45	5.1	8.01	4.7
Portsmouth	3.40	4.3	3.44	4.3
Sheffield	2.50	5.0	3.18	4.4
Southampton	2.50	5.0	3.18	4.4
Swansea	10.25	6.4	10.48	6.1
Torquay	3.38	4.5	3.42	4.0
Widnes-on-Dee	3.53	3.8	4.07	4.0

HT = High tide; LT = Low tide. Times measured in GMT. Time-3, 2000Hr.

### Around Britain

Region	Sun. Rain	Sun. Cloud	Sun. Wind	Sun. Temp
EAST COAST	1.2	17	17	17
South East	1.2	17	17	17
South West	1.2	17	17	17
Wales	1.2	17	17	17
North East	1.2	17	17	17
North West	1.2	17	17	17
Yorkshire	1.2	17	17	17
Midlands	1.2	17	17	17
West Midlands	1.2	17	17	17
East Midlands	1.2	17	17	17
East of England	1.2	17	17	17
West of England	1.2	17	17	17
North of Scotland	1.2	17	17	17
South of Scotland	1.2	17	17	17

### Abroad

City	C	F	C	F
Alexandria	25	77	25	77
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**STOCK MARKET**  
FT 30 Share  
1271.9 (-10.9)  
FT-SE 100  
1610.0 (-7.1)  
Bargains  
18041  
USM (Datastream)  
123.79 (-0.25)  
**THE POUND**  
US Dollar  
1.4495 (-0.0075)  
W German mark  
2.9693 (+0.0101)  
Trade-weighted  
69.7 (+0.2)

**Fiat in Libya talks**

Rome (AFP) - Fiat officials said yesterday that negotiations with Tripoli on the acquisition of Libyan shares in the motor group are under way but have not yet been completed. A Fiat statement contrasted with an earlier announcement by the Italian Defence Minister that the group had reached agreement to acquire Libya's 20 per cent stake. Fiat officials at the company's base in Turin, northern Italy, said the outcome of negotiations could be a question of hours, days or perhaps never. There was no comment from the Libyan Arab Investment Company.

**BBA steps in**

Dr John White's fast-growing automotive engineering group, BBA, yesterday launched an agreed £8.3 million offer for the troubled Grosvenor Group. The offer is a three-for-two share swap offer with a cash alternative of 125p per Grosvenor share. Grosvenor revealed a loss of £9,000 before tax from its electronic and engineering operations.

**Team grows**

Credit Suisse First Boston has appointed Mr Peter Spencer, who spent 13 years at the Treasury working on the medium term financial strategy, as its gilt economist. Mr Chris Belvedere from Chase Manhattan is joining also, as a sterling strategist. Credit Suisse's research department has expanded from two to 24 people in one year.

**Hanson sale**

Hanson Trust is selling Hammary Furniture in the United States to La-2-Boy Chair company for \$11.5 million (£7.9 million). Hammary made an operating loss of \$200,000 in 1985.

**Loss at Clyde**

Sharply lower oil prices caused Clyde Petroleum to report a loss of £1.3 million for the six months to June 30, against a profit last time of £2.6 million. *Tempus, page 22*

**Octopus rises**

Octopus Publishing made pretax profits in the first half of 1986 of £7.1 million, an increase of 13.2 per cent, on sales 11.4 per cent higher. The dividend goes up from 2.16p to 2.7p. *Tempus, page 22*

**Steeley up**

Steeley's pretax results for the first half of 1986 rose by 17 per cent to £18.8 million. Turnover was up from £198.3 million to £200.4 million. The interim dividend is being raised from 5p to 5.5p. *Tempus, page 22*

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STOCK MARKETS	
New York	1789.37 (-4.08)
Tokyo	Closed
Nikkei Dow	Closed
Hong Kong	1992.60 (+39.00)
Amsterd. Gen	2284 (+61.0)
Sydney AD	1284.1 (+10.3)
Frankfurt	2018.4 (+39.0)
Brussels	3684.29 (+52.12)
Paris CAC	368.6 (+8.5)
Zurich	520.0 (Same)
S&P General	520.0 (Same)
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INTEREST RATES	
London	
Bank Base: 10%	
3-month Interbank 10%+10%	
3-month eligible bills: 9%+9%+1%	
buying rate	
US Prime Rate 7.50%	
Federal Funds 5%*	
3-month Treasury Bills 5.24-5.22%	
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 3/4%	

CURRENCIES	
London	New York
£: \$1.4495	£: \$1.4495
£: DM2.9693	£: DM2.9693
£: SfrF2.3899	£: SfrF2.3899
£: FF9.711	£: FF9.711
£: Yen224.02	£: Yen224.02
£: Index: 69.7	£: Index: 69.7

**Public spending running £1 1/2bn ahead of target**

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Public spending in this financial year is estimated to be over-running the Government's target by about £1 1/2 billion. The over-run is partly on local authority spending and partly on supply spending by central government. Recent trends in the public sector borrowing requirement suggest that borrowing may be no higher than forecast in spite of this over-run because of the buoyancy of revenue. But the over-run poses big problems for the public spending survey now under way which will determine the Government's plans for next year. In discussions between the Environment Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, and the Treasury Chief Secretary, Mr John MacGregor, it has already been agreed that provision for local government current spending will be increased next year by £3.2 billion. The Chancellor in his autumn statement will justify this increase on the grounds that the rise in planned local authority spending merely recognizes the reality of what local councils are likely to spend. Given that the spending provided for to programmes is more realistic than before, the reserve can be lower than previously allowed for. This argument is only credible if the Government is seen to be maintaining control over public spending totals in the current year, and that makes the potential over-run particularly embarrassing. The Government had hoped to be able to consolidate its newly-won reputation for control over public spending, achieved by under-shooting the target in 1985-86. It has decided against emergency cuts in the current year which are a notoriously inefficient form of expenditure control. But the potential over-run has put additional pressure on Mr MacGregor's discussions with his spending colleagues. Recognizing the difficulty of sticking to the overall public spending totals as agreed at Cabinet in July, a number of bilateral deals have been done between the Treasury and spending departments during July and August before the main series of discussions began. Among the difficult outstanding issues are energy prices, where the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, is holding out for no change, or a cut, after the fall in oil prices since last year. Health spending, which faces the burden of a growing number of elderly patients, is another problem area, as is social security, where the Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, is arguing for what he regards as more realistic assumptions about the course of inflation and unemployment. Cabinet's agreement in July was to use "best endeavours" to achieve the totals inherited from the previous round, rather than to endorse them unequivocally. But the Government is not expected to increase the totals, at least overtly. Maximum pressure will be applied by the Treasury, backed by the Prime Minister, to offset any necessary increases by savings elsewhere. The Treasury is anxious not to increase the level of proceeds from privatization which are already projected at £4 billion a year. But if necessary there is some scope for doing so.

**Late crowds rush for shares in TSB**

By Cliff Feltham

The £1.5 billion sale of shares in the Trustee Savings Bank closes at 10 am today and a last-minute rush by investors yesterday to hand in applications spilled over into long queues outside some bank offices. Three thousand specially-trained bank staff are dealing with millions of applications which "made made the issue the biggest stock market flotation outside the Government's privatization programme. One said: "It is phenomenal - impossible to guess how many applications we have received." The 1,600 branches of the TSB which have been accepting applications closed their doors last night. At one stage there was a 150-yard queue outside the Cheapside office, with the other branches in Lombard Street and at Holborn also under siege. Since the offer opened the six big banks which have been accepting applications have been feeding a twice-daily total of the amounts handed to the Lloyds Bank registrar's department at Bishopsgate, in the City, which is directing the operation. The bank has brought in another 3,000 staff from around the country to cope. Mr Bill Paine, who is in charge, said: "Our people are working in teams throughout the night. So far everything has gone smoothly." Mr Duncan Clegg of the merchant bank Lazard, which is handling the issue, said: "Our aim is to have a hard figure on the number of applicants by the end of Friday." Assuming the huge logistical operation has been successful, share allocations should be announced on Monday.

**China in £250m GEC deal**

By Teresa Poole

China yesterday signed the contracts and loan agreements for its biggest joint venture project. The \$4 billion (£2.77 billion) Daya Bay nuclear power plant in Guangdong will provide 20,000 man-years of work for the British power industry. General Electric Company will supply the non-nuclear part of the power plant which includes two 985-megawatt turbines. GEC's £250 million contract is the largest export order to be won by Britain in China. Framatome, a French company, will provide the two nuclear reactors. Completion of the project is scheduled for 1993. Mr Michael Barrett, director of GEC Turbine Generators, said no new jobs would be generated but that existing jobs would be safeguarded. Factories at Rugby, Stafford, Manchester and Larn, Northern Ireland, would share in the work. Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, said the contract, which gained initial agreement in January, was the culmination of seven years' negotiations and that many British companies would be used for sub-contracting. The GEC turbines will incorporate the largest 3,000-rpm generators to be built in Britain. A syndicate of 10 British banks is providing a £421 million loan facility, guaranteed by the Export Credits Guarantee Department, to finance the GEC contract. The financing arrangements provide for a contingency sum to cover any potential orders placed in Britain for further equipment.

**UK and US co-operate on fraud investigations**

By Lawrence Lever

The British and United States regulatory authorities have taken a first tentative step towards establishing world-wide co-operation between countries to stamp out international fraud in securities and futures dealing. Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced yesterday he had signed a "Memorandum of Understanding" which would allow information on matters such as fraud, insider-dealing and market manipulation to be passed between the British and US regulatory authorities. "It will deter international fraudsters and assist us to catch up with them," he said. The Government hopes to expand the exchange of information to regulatory authorities in most EEC countries, Japan, Australia and Hong Kong. However, it was disclosed yesterday that it had not been prepared to sanction a request that American investigators should have powers of search and seizure, and of taking evidence from witnesses, in Britain. Mr John Shad, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, one of the two US parties to the agreement, described the agreement as "an important step in US and UK joint efforts to protect investors."

**Lasmo's investment profit outstrips operations yield**

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The fall in the world oil price has meant that one of Britain's leading independent oil companies is making more money from its shareholding in one of its competitors than by producing oil from the North Sea. Lasmo, one of the companies formed during the original North Sea oil boom, reported yesterday that its after-tax profits for the first half of this year were \$6.5 million compared with \$16.7 million in the first half of last year. The company will pay a interim dividend this year, but hopes by the end of the year to make a dividend payment, although how close that will be to last year's 12.7p will depend on world oil prices. The fall in profits is almost exactly in line with the fall in the oil price. A year ago Lasmo was being sold £22.62p a barrel for its oil while in the first six months of this year the average price was £11.12p a barrel. The significance of the effect of the world oil price on the profits and the taxation payments made by the independent oil companies will not be lost on the Government. The Department of Energy is now being asked to bring forward the date for repayment of Advanced Petroleum Revenue Tax which affects many of the independents. It is also under pressure from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to co-operate in reducing world crude output to send the price back upwards. The majority of Lasmo's half-year profits came from its 30 per cent holding in Enterprise Oil. Lasmo acquired the Enterprise holding from RTZ in exchange for shares and yesterday's figures reinforce the wisdom of that deal. Using the tax advantages acquired with the Enterprise holding, Lasmo made £3.7 million profit from its Enterprise holding while its own operations yielded £2.8 million. The figures will also increase speculation that RTZ's ultimate plan is to establish its own energy company incorporating its Lasmo holdings as well as its existing North Sea interests. RTZ is already recruiting from BP and Mr Chris Greentree, the Lasmo chief executive, and several of his colleagues are being widely tipped as potential members of the RTZ energy team. New oil discoveries in Indonesia and acquisitions in Gabon and in North America mean that Lasmo will stay out of the North Sea for the next three years or so unless world oil prices rise substantially. The company will drill one well later this year in the southern sector of the North Sea where it expects to confirm substantial gas deposits, but staffing has been trimmed by about 30 per cent and several exploration proposals shelved. Lasmo has followed other independent oil companies - apart from Enterprise - in not paying an interim dividend. The company view is that in the light of the uncertainty over the future of world oil prices it would be imprudent to do so. However, because Enterprise has paid an interim dividend, Lasmo has repaid the reward. Enterprise was formed out of the oil-producing assets of British Gas, scheduled to come on the market in late November.



M José Dedeurwaerder: £500 million subsidy and seeking more state aid.

**Renault says curb must stay on imports of Japanese cars**

From Edward Townsend, Paris

Renault, the loss-making French motor group, is to press the Government to continue a strict curb on imports of Japanese cars, in a new bout of protectionism. The move, disclosed here by the state-owned company's commercial director, M José Dedeurwaerder, underlines the company's fear that the increasingly liberal French Government will ease import restraints and jeopardise its recovery. Japanese cars are already restricted to 3 per cent of the French market and Renault believes this help will be needed almost indefinitely. The French Government response will be watched closely in Britain and other EEC countries. Japanese car sales are restricted, particularly in Italy where sales of only 2,000 cars a year are allowed, and in Britain where they are covered by a voluntary restraint agreement limiting them to about 11 per cent of the market. This latest attack on the Japanese is certain to be criticized in Tokyo, particularly following the recent Gatt talks in Uruguay where trade ministers attempted to curb growth in protectionism. M Dedeurwaerder said Renault was opposed to any relaxation of import restrictions because of difficulties of selling its cars on the Japanese home market. "We want to be able to fight on an equal footing," he said. Renault will be seeking to keep import restrictions in place until the company reaps the benefits of its investment programme. He added that the company was not attempting to stop sales of cars made elsewhere in the EEC and this would include cars being produced at the Nissan factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear. Renault has made strenuous efforts to reduce its losses which in the last two years have totalled about £2.3 billion and has cut its workforce by 30,000 in seven years. This year the French Government will provide support of about £500 million for the debt-ridden company but the new Renault chairman, M Georges Besse, has said far more is needed. Losses this year are running at about £50 million a month and M Dedeurwaerder admitted he had no idea when Renault would be out of the red. But he said the company was now concentrating on profitability and would not "buy parts of the market" to reverse its slide from being the leading European producer to number five today. It hopes this year to capture 11 per cent of the European market. M Dedeurwaerder said the company was not currently considering privatization. "We have made great profits in the past and being nationalized did not stop that. We have a lot of competent people and we are going to be even more dynamic."

**Options investors' pre-bang bonus**

By Richard Lander

Investors hoping for substantial cuts in dealing costs after big bang will get a welcome appetizer today when they receive their contract notes for traded options on the FT-SE 100 share index. From yesterday, the exchange's Loodoo Options Clearing House temporarily scrapped its clearing charge of 75p per FT-SE option contract for a period of four months. The Stock Exchange, which has also reduced the margin deposit for options sellers, has made the move in anticipation of a huge increase in FT-SE option volume after big bang, when an expanding number of market-makers will need to hedge their equity portfolios. Despite the exchange's move, Sheppard's and Chase and Optelcar, the two firms which offer option clearing services to some 140 broking members, said they had no intention of immediately reducing their own charges, although they would be reviewing them before big bang.

**German peak bankruptcies**

Business bankruptcies in West Germany this year are expected to reach a record 17,000, or 4.5 per cent more than last year, an economic information service in Düsseldorf said. The West German Association of Credit Organizations also reported that business collapses to the end of August totalled 10,630, up 3.1 per cent on the same period last year.

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WALL STREET

Early rally fades

New York (Reuters) - Share prices received further support in early trading yesterday after Monday's broad-based rally, but by mid-morning showed signs of weakening.

The Dow Jones industrial average, up 3.38 since the opening, later slipped 0.42 to 1,793.03 when the transport

Table with columns for stock symbols (AAH, ASA, ASB, etc.) and their corresponding prices and changes.

Mexico rocks bankers over debt repayments

From Alan Robinson, Mexico City

The announcement this week from Tokyo that the Mexican Government has asked creditor banks to stretch out payments on \$52.5 billion (\$36.5 billion), more than half of Mexico's total foreign debt, dropped like a bombshell among foreign bank representatives in Mexico City.

"This could complicate the negotiations even more," one Swiss bank representative said. "The problem is that a delay at one stage would delay the entire package..."

The banker said he found it hard to believe that the negotiations could be complete before September 29 when the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank opens.

"If some agreement is not reached before then, the Mexican Government is going to have some serious problems because the rescue package is a maze of conditions. Each step depends on the approval of the preceding step and it is beginning to look like a minefield."

The IMF will be disbursed only when the creditor banks agree in principle to provide some \$6 billion to financing over the next two years.

The bridging loan Mexico is supposed to receive from various central banks also depends on the private creditors approving their own participation. Something similar ties the World Bank's support to the rest of the package.

"We are asking for twice as much as we expect to get in terms of lightening the load," one finance ministry source said. "It is a vicious circle. We can't reactivate the economy because there is no credit and there is no credit because we can't get those loans."

Mexican observers say the IMF is pushing for an agreement between Mexico and its creditors before September 29. The advisory committee, set up for new demands for concessions to Third World debtors.

The former Finance Minister, Señor Jesus Silva Herzog, told creditor banks at the beginning of this year that Mexico's financial needs for the next two years would be \$10 billion.

Since then the Mexican estimate has reached \$12 billion, although it is seeking part of this via proposals such as capitalization on interest, lower interest rates and the elimination of spreads.

TEMPUS

Investors hold key to Clyde's freedom

In the Micawberish world of the oil industry, income must not exceed expenditure or the result will be something much worse than unhappiness.

The big and the strong among the oil companies over cease in their vigilance in snuffing out the weak and the vulnerable in the hope of being able to gobble up attractive oil assets at bargain prices.

Where does Clyde Petroleum lie in the food chain - is it fodder or a predator? Ever aware of the consequences of living beyond its means Clyde stresses its virtues in terms of its cash flow. At prices as low as \$12.50 a barrel, it can still meet its overheads, interest and exploration costs out of cash flow.

Development of the Wyth Farm oilfield in Dorset costs extra. But the project is so profitable that the banks are willing to continue to lend against it.

Wyth Farm, the seedcorn of the group's future, is Clyde's strength and its weakness. On the strength of this field, the company has been able to arrange a \$120 million (£80 million) borrowing facility, not all of which will be needed for Wyth Farm.

statement. This may be needed at the year end for additional amortization of fixed assets if the oil price does not rise above \$15 a barrel or so.

It is purely a book adjustment, and if taken, still leaves shareholders funds higher than the market capitalization of £30 million.

Octopus Publishing

The now many-tentacled Octopus Publishing Group pushed up interim pretax profits by 13 per cent against a background of destocking and adverse currency movements.

Octopus has significant sales in Australia and the depreciation of the dollar there contributed to a currency loss of £200,000. The disappointing Christmas last year has also scared off booksellers from stocking up too heavily this year.

Hamlyn, in for just over three months, made a loss but should make a positive contribution in the full year. Overheads have been cut back and the unwieldy book list pruned. The group's distribution will, from March next year, be concentrated at Hamlyn's warehouse site in Northamptonshire, leading to more cost-cutting.

Heinemann, acquired in 1985, had a good first half. With 60 per cent of its sales in educational books, it was protected from the dull book market. It is also benefiting from rising rolls in primary schools and increased spending ahead of the introduction of the new GCSE examination.

The company's fortunes in the full year depend heavily on Christmas. Octopus reckons it has a strong autumn list. James Capel, the broker, estimates full-year profits at £22.5 million, giving a prospective p/e ratio of 17.9, fully diluted. The shares, down 5p yesterday to 465p, are a long way from their 670p high and are a "buy", Capel says.

Steeley

In the old days bricks were made by throwing lumps of clay at wooden moulds. Thousands of pounds were no doubt spent mechanizing

this process to ensure the product became regular and unblemished. It is a sign of the times, in what is now a fashion-conscious industry, that Steeley has a machine to make bricks which look as if they had been made by hand.

The new management at Steeley Brick and Tile, a subsidiary of Steeley, is giving more attention to marketing. In this "designer" environment, housebuilders admit that the costs which they incur by using a more aesthetically-pleasing product are more than outstripped by the wider margins obtained when selling the house.

Steeley is making rapid inroads into this market with the help of a highly-automated brick plant at Parkhouse, North Staffordshire. The outlook for volumes looks good but prices are stabilizing. Although bricks account for less than 15 per cent of group turnover, they are a significant contributor to profits and have considerable potential.

The weather was a negative factor in the first half of this year. However, results from energy-related extractive operations compared well with the first half of the last year.

The performance in France was encouraging, but the fall in demand for ready-mixed concrete in the Middle East was reflected in first-half profits. Canada reported strong results for the first half, especially from distribution operations. However, the second half will be worse since two important customer industries have recently suffered from industrial action.

Steeley has not yet run out of steam. Although it is making a 10 per cent margin before interest repayments and a 17 per cent return on capital, there is scope to build on the existing businesses. More importantly, there are good long-term growth prospects for the majority of Steeley's operations.

This year there will be a less marked split between the two halves of the year and profits should reach £40 million. The shares, which are 12.4 times 1986 earnings, offer an attractive alternative to the more established majors in the building materials sector.

Poco sold to Walter Lawrence

By Cliff Feltham

The housebuilding group Walter Lawrence doubled the size of its business yesterday when it agreed to pay £21.9 million for the privately-owned Poco Group.

The deal places Walter Lawrence among the top 20 housebuilders with operations stretching from Newcastle in the north to Christchurch, Dorset, in the south. Poco, set up in 1963, has a land bank of more than 2,100 plots on 53 sites, mainly in the north of England. Its properties range from homes for first-time buyers to four- and five-bedroom houses.

Walter Lawrence has been keen to reduce construction activities and concentrate on housebuilding. The deal will give it about 4,000 plots. The company is forecasting full-year pretax profits of £3.8 million compared with £2.8 million last time.

The deal is being financed by a rights issue on terms which value the new shares at 85p each. The existing shares finished 8p down at 100p.

Second buyout at National Buses

By Teresa Poole

Badgerline, the Avon-based bus operator, yesterday became the second of National Bus Company's local subsidiaries to be sold to a team of managers and employees under the Government's privatization programme.

The buyout team is led by Mr Trevor Smallwood, the managing director, and includes about 90 staff at all levels. The rest of the company's 950 employees are to be given the opportunity to participate through a share incentive scheme.

The Government is committed to giving preferential consideration to management buyouts in this case no outside bids were received. The sale price has not been disclosed.

The 400-vehicle company, based in Weston-super-Mare, operates in and around the Bath and Bristol area and in parts of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

It was formed three years ago when the city and county services of the Bristol Omnibus Company, which had been operating since 1874, were put under separate management.

National Bus Company said yesterday that further sales of its 70 subsidiaries would be completed "very shortly". So far one other bus company has been sold to its management and Pleasurama has purchased National Holidays.

M&S chief promoted

Mr Richard Greenbury, joint managing director of Marks and Spencer, has been appointed to the newly created post of chief operating officer.

Mr Greenbury will be number two to Lord Rayner, the chairman and chief executive, and will be responsible for day-to-day operations, leaving Lord Rayner to concentrate on forward planning.

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APPOINTMENTS

Hill Samuel Investment Services Group Europe: Mr Tony Pope and Mr Fritz Jost are made joint managing directors. Mr Martin Cooper is promoted to chief accountant. Hill Samuel Investment Services Group and joins the board of Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers. Mr Roy Rutherford becomes managing director. Wood Mackenzie Private Client Service. Mr Peter Morris joins the board of Hill Samuel Life Assurance and Gisborne Life Assurance Company.

Thames Case: Mr David Thomas is made chairman and managing director. Mr Jack McDonald is promoted to chief financial officer.

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COMPANY NEWS

ANTLER: Half-year to June 30. No interim dividend but a final 2p will be recommended. Turnover £5.12 million (£5.29 million). Pretax profit £530,000 (£471,000). Earnings per share 5.4p (4.6p). The directors expect a "satisfactory outcome" for the full year.

DEBFOR HOLDINGS: Results for the six months to June 30, compared with the previous 12 months. Interim dividend 0.4p payable on Oct. 31. Turnover £4.59 million (£3.81 million). Pretax profit £338,000 (£1.37 million). Earnings per share 7.0p (11.5p). Debfor has traded satisfactorily since the end of June and the directors look forward with confidence to a successful outcome for the year.

SPRING RAM CORP: Interim dividend 0.33p (0.3p, adjusted). Half-year to June 28. Turnover £17.58 million (£17.73 million). Pretax profit £2.75 million (£1.82 million). Earnings per share 4.1p (3.3p, adjusted). The opening months of the second half have begun well, with strong levels of demand, the board declares.

FOLKES GROUP: Interim payment unchanged at 0.35p for the first half of 1986. Turnover £29.84 million (£31.9 million). Pretax profit £775,000 (£700,000). Earnings per share 1.64p (1.46p). The board is hopeful of a "positive review" for the final dividend when the full year's results are known and is confident of further progress in the second half.

BEATSON CLARK: Interim dividend 3.3p (same), payable on Nov. 24. Turnover for the 26 weeks to June 28, home £12.83 million (£13.12 million) and export £4.23 million (£4.05 million), making £17.06 million (£17.18 million). Pretax profit £757,000 (£741,000). Earnings per share 6.9p (6.7p).

COOKSON GROUP: Agreement has been reached for the merger of H & O Wallcoverings with Tonstall, Wallcoverings and Dessina. The three will become subsidiaries of a new holding company, Creative Wallcoverings, in which Cookson will hold 75 per cent and Mr T. Tonstall, the former owner of Tonstall and Dessina, 25 per cent.

SPONG HOLDINGS: No final dividend, but an interim of not less than 0.3p is forecast for the six months to Oct. 31. Sales for the 16 months to April 30 (compared with the previous 12 months), £18.36 million (£10.78 million). Pretax profit £520,000 (£499,000). Earnings per share 1.28p (1.24p, restricted).

EUSTON CENTRE PROPERTIES: Year to March 31. Net rent from properties £9.03 million (£8.62 million). Pretax profit £1.78 million (£1.76 million). Earnings per share 5.7p (7.1p).

TRAVIS & ARNOLD: First half of 1986. Interim dividend of 2.15p, up 10 per cent, payable on Nov. 10. Turnover £32.05 million (£31.24 million). Pretax profit £4.5 million (£3.62 million). Earnings per share 16.3p (12.6p). One-for-one scrip issue proposed.

PANTHERELLA: Interim dividend of 1.5p (same), payable on Jan. 5. Turnover for the six months to June 30 £2.13 million (£2.08 million). Pretax profit £287,000 (£315,000). Earnings per share 4.6p (same).

WILLIAM JACOBS: Interim dividend 0.6p (0.5p), payable on Nov. 21, for the six months to July 31. Turnover £17.61 million (£14.38 million). Pretax profit £230,000 (£175,000). Earnings per share 1.7p (1.5p). The board reports that, provided the company can obtain an adequate supply of new cars, prospects are encouraging and are expected to permit it to consider some increase in the final dividend.

METALRAX GROUP: Interim dividend 0.73p (0.63p, adjusted), payable on Oct. 31, for the six months to June 30. Turnover £18.02 million (£17.16 million). Pretax profit £1.84 million (£1.53 million). Earnings per share 3.28p (2.54p).

DATRON INTERNATIONAL: Year to June 30. Final dividend 1p, as forecast. Turnover £9.77 million (£7.86 million). Pretax profit £1.3 million (£984,000). Earnings per share 5.7p (7.1p).

LAIDLAW THOMSON GROUP: Interim dividend 1.4p (1.25p), payable on Nov. 11, for the first half of 1986. Turnover £9.28 million (£7.44 million). Pretax profit £412,000 (£345,000). Earnings per share 4.68p (3.63p). An upsurge in demand necessitated a move to larger premises in the north-east which the group expects to occupy early in 1987.

HILLARDES: The encouraging start to the year has continued with sales about 14 per cent higher than last year, the annual meeting was told.

JOSEPH HOLT: Six months to June 30. Turnover £4.96 million (£4.64 million). Pretax profit £1.47 million (£1.4 million). Earnings per share 30.72p (28.56p). Interim dividend 4p (3.5p).

AMERICAN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS: Year to June 30, compared with the previous six months. Turnover £10.33 million (£2.03 million). Pretax profit £2.93 million (£2.715 million). Earnings per share 2.27p (1.34). A total dividend of (8.75p) has already been declared for the year.

PHILIPS LAMPS: The company and Whirlpool Corporation of Michigan, US, have begun talks about a joint venture in the international household appliance field.

PEERLESS: The first-quarter profit performance is being maintained, the annual meeting was told. As a further stage in the restructuring of the group, it has sold the taxpayer interests of Galegate at a premium to the net asset value.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and institutions, including ABN, Adam & Company, BCC, Citibank Savings, Consolidated Crs, Continental Trust, Co-operative Bank, C. Hoare & Co, Hong Kong & Shanghai, Lloyds Bank, Nat Westminster, Royal Bank of Scotland, TSB, Citibank NA.

Metalrax Group PLC

Table showing financial performance of Metalrax Group PLC for 1986 and 1985, including Record Interim profit, Turnover, Group profit before taxation, Dividends, and Earnings per share.

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# Grand Met near to selling its American cigarettes offshoot

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing, leisure and hotels group, run by Sir Stanley Gifford, is on the brink of selling Liggett, its American generic cigarettes business, in a deal worth more than £100 million.

"We never comment on market rumours," is all the company will say, but negotiations for the sale are believed to be at an advanced stage. One suggested buyer is RJ Reynolds Industries, a tobacco, fruit and spirits company, based in North Carolina.

Grand Metropolitan's shares eased 5p to 408p and in

The USM-quoted Counter Products Marketing, the sales promotion and marketing group, has clinched a £500,000 marketing contract to promote Allied-Lyons' public houses. Analysts who had been looking for pretax profits this year to rise from £1 million to £1.3 million may have to adjust upwards. The price slipped 2p to 98p.

late trading yesterday jobbers were refusing to make a price in the stock, ahead of a possible announcement.

His shares have risen steadily in recent weeks on bid speculation and the sale of Liggett would be greeted with a round of applause from the City.

Mr Daniel Leaf, a top brewing sector analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, said: "Liggett is not seen as a high-quality investment and its sale would be seen by the City as a step in the right direction."

He says that the effect of the sale on earnings per share

would be negligible, but it would reduce Grand Metropolitan's gearing from 50 to about 45 per cent.

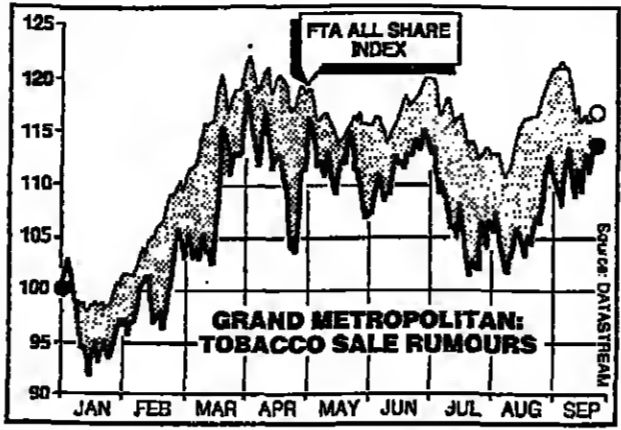
Liggett has been up for sale for the past 18 months, ever since a planned management buyout failed to materialise. Elsewhere in brewers, Allied Lyons fell a further 6p to 30p on disappointment over the Elders' bid. Bass eased 5p to 72.5p and Bellhaven, where Mr Raymond Miquel is now chairman, lost a couple of pence to 79p.

Pearson, the Lazard's merchant bank and Financial Times group, up 10p at one time yesterday, closed with a 5p gain at 528p. Mr Li Kaining, the Hong Kong financier who heads Hutchison Whampoa, is said to want to raise his holding from 4.9 to about 20 per cent.

Mr James Joll, the finance director of Pearson, said: "We are still in friendly talks with him, but no agreement has yet been reached between us."

Also reported to be monitoring the situation with interest are Mr Terry Ramsden, the international financier and horse-racing fan, who is believed to be in a consortium with the American, Mr Charles Knapp and another anonymous partner.

Gossips say they are interested in acquiring Grand Metropolitan's Inter-



continental Hotel chain and have built up a strategic stake of more than 4 per cent.

The stock market in general had a dull day, with the FT 30 Share index opening 0.7 higher and then drifting steadily lower, to finish down 10.9 at 1,271.9.

The broader-based FT-SE 100 index slipped by 7.1 to 1,610.0.

Gifts fared well, on the back of a stronger pound, going about 1 1/4 better in the longer dated stocks and 2 1/4 better in the shorts.

Gold, meanwhile, slid by almost \$6 from \$433.75 the previous night to \$438.00. Worries about the state of the economy spilled over into the equity markets, with dealers now regarding higher interest rates as inevitable.

Mr Stephen Lewis, an economist at Phillips & Drew,

could result in renewed interest in the shares.

Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, held a major seminar on the paper and packaging industry for fund managers. The guest list included directors of Bowerist, David S Smith, DRG Group and Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror.

Apparently, David S Smith, unchanged at 248p, and DRG Group, steady at 278p, both made favourable impressions on the institutions.

The bad news is still pouring out of the offices of Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's biggest advertising agency. Yesterday, the price fell a further 15p to 615p, after 605p, following the news that

Mr Robert Jacoby had resigned as chairman and chief executive of Ted Bates, the group's recently-acquired US subsidiary. Saatchi paid \$450 million (£300 million) for Bates in May. But the acquisition has resulted in Saatchi losing a number of its most lucrative accounts following accusations that it had led to a conflict of interests.

Warner-Lambert and Colgate Palmolive, the US groups, both sacked Saatchi following the merger with Bates and, a few weeks ago, Procter & Gamble announced it had decided to place part of its account, worth \$60 million, with other agencies.

Mr Jacoby is said to have resigned after arguments with the main boards of both Bates and Saatchi over proposed senior management changes. The Saatchi share price has been a dull market throughout the summer and now stands 32 1/2 below its year's high.

Early indications point to the Trustee Savings Bank being heavily oversubscribed when the lists close at 10 am today. The success of the issue, which will raise almost £1.5 billion, has also been good news for the other high street banks, including the big four.

They were all marked higher in early trade, but finished below their best levels as the rest of the market turned easier. Lloyds firmed 2p to 444p and National Westminster 5p to 547p. Barclays finished all square at 489p, but Midland lost 3p to 569p.

### RECENT ISSUES

Hughes Food (20p)	180 +2
Local Don (7p)	70
Local Don (7p)	70
Marina Dev (10p)	150
Newage Trans (7p)	54
Sandwich Partners (13p)	129
Scott Mays (10p)	129
Stanley Leisure (10p)	188 -5
Thames TV (10p)	136
Treasure Islands (10p)	110
Unicorp (10p)	69
Yelverton (8p)	166
Yorkshire TV (12p)	88

### RIGHTS ISSUES

Berkley Tech F/P	132
Boots N/P	105-0.50p
Burndell F/P	221-3
Cambium Ventures N/P	146
Chrysalis N/P	1
Claydon N/P	8 1/2
Rush & Tomkins N/P	3 1/2
Sodipack F/P	345
Tophouse N/P	49 +5

### LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Starting	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279
Mar 86	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279
Jun 86	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279
Sep 86	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279
Dec 86	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279
Mar 87	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279
Jun 87	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279
Sep 87	89.40	89.50	89.40	89.45	279

### FOREIGN EXCHANGES

#### STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
N York 1.4423-1.4540	1.4480-1.4500	0.48-0.47prem	1.58-1.54prem
Australia dollar 0.87-0.87prem	0.87-0.87prem	1.05-0.90prem	1.15-1.10prem
Brussels 0.29-0.29	0.29-0.29	1.08-1.07	1.14-1.13
Canada 0.71-0.71	0.71-0.71	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Dutch 1.0332-1.0332	1.0332-1.0332	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Frankfurt 2.591-2.591	2.591-2.591	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Geneva 1.92-1.92	1.92-1.92	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Hong Kong 1.50-1.50	1.50-1.50	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
India 1.25-1.25	1.25-1.25	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Japan 1.35-1.35	1.35-1.35	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
London 1.00-1.00	1.00-1.00	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Madrid 1.66-1.66	1.66-1.66	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Paris 1.36-1.36	1.36-1.36	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Switzerland 0.75-0.75	0.75-0.75	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Tokyo 1.35-1.35	1.35-1.35	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Vienna 1.35-1.35	1.35-1.35	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16
Zurich 1.35-1.35	1.35-1.35	1.11-1.10	1.17-1.16

### TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Dealings	For Settlement
Sep 8	Oct 19	Dec 4	Dec 15
Sep 22	Oct 3	Dec 18	Jan 5
Oct 17	Oct 17	Dec 18	Jan 18

### OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.5200-1.5300
Australia dollar	0.87-0.87prem
Belgian franc	0.5435-0.5475
Britain dollar	1.00-1.00
Canada dollar	0.71-0.71
Dollar	0.72-0.72
French franc	6.55-6.55
German mark	1.93-1.93
Guinean franc	100.00-100.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.35-11.35
Indian rupee	1.25-1.25
Irish pound	0.78-0.78
Italian lire	2.36-2.36
Japanese yen	163.80-163.80
Malaysian dollar	0.4210-0.4250
Mexican peso	100.00-100.00
New Zealand dollar	1.3072-1.3118
Saudi Arabian riyal	5.4095-5.4485
Singapore dollar	1.00-1.00
South African rand	3.2472-3.2841
U.A.E. dirham	3.2880-3.3380
Lloyds Bank	

### LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Call	Put
Alfred Lyons (305)	300 15 25 37 8 12 17 27	300 15 25 37 8 12 17 27
BP (671)	650 127 148 155 1 4 8 10	650 77 88 118 3 10 18 28
Cons Gold (287)	650 24 48 65 27 40 47 47	650 8 27 38 62 72 82
Courtauld (287)	250 81 42 51 2 8 11 11	250 8 14 17 15 23 25
Com Union (280)	250 12 51 22 30 33 36	250 1 7 15 57 57 57
Cable & Wire (307)	350 17 38 46 8 15 20 20	350 2 11 17 45 47 50
Diall (715)	600 30 30 30 30 30 30	600 30 30 30 30 30 30
GEC (174)	180 19 28 32 4 8 11 18	180 2 7 11 28 28 30
Grand Met (408)	327 35 35 35 35 35 35	327 35 35 35 35 35 35
ICI (1087)	950 180 187 185 3 18 18 18	950 112 140 140 12 25 34 53
Land Sec (213)	300 6 17 25 21 22 24 24	300 2 7 12 48 48 48
Marks & Spon (201)	180 25 31 38 2 8 12 12	180 1 18 18 19 24 24
Shell Trans (811)	750 172 182 207 1 4 8 8	750 10 10 10 10 10 10
Triglav House (258)	250 28 36 44 1 7 14 14	250 15 23 30 8 17 24 24
Bechtel (405)	350 48 60 70 1 8 8 8	350 17 37 50 1 7 22 22
Boots (221)	220 2 20 27 1 18 15 15	220 1 10 11 24 24 24
BTR (300)	300 20 37 36 1 1 1 1	300 1 7 35 45 1 1
Buss (729)	700 50 55 65 1 15 15 15	700 3 10 25 82 82 82
Blue Circle (353)	650 17 48 58 2 23 23 23	650 1 20 30 40 40 40
De Beers (770)	550 80 180 210 4 8 12 12	550 180 180 180 12 22 22 22
Dioms (325)	300 84 74 64 1 5 12 12	300 6 26 32 1 3 12 12
GKN (257)	250 1 25 28 1 1 1 1	250 1 18 18 35 35 35
Othello (905)	900 70 120 125 5 5 7 7	900 25 35 100 40 80 100
Hanson (190)	180 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	180 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

### MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Series	Call	Put
Jaguar (358)	350 39 52 78 2 18 27 27	350 15 25 35 20 32 45 45
Thorn EM (471)	450 15 22 28 4 4 10 10	450 15 22 28 4 10 20 20
Tesco (408)	300 118 118 118 1 1 1 1	300 80 90 90 1 1 1 1
Brit Aero (435)	400 7 35 48 32 40 45	400 8 22 30 17 27 29
BAT Inds (441)	300 83 102 102 1 3 3	300 58 75 83 4 8 12
Barclays (488)	400 43 60 70 8 11 17	400 28 32 32 30 36 36
Brit Telecom (188)	180 15 28 28 5 18 13	180 5 11 18 17 22 25
Cadbury Schweppes (177)	180 21 30 34 3 7 8	180 5 15 18 8 13 18
Guinness (353)	300 35 40 52 11 17 17	300 23 23 23 15 11 11
Imperial Gr (353)	300 96 96 96 1 1 1	300 96 96 96 1 1 1
Ladbroke (356)	300 82 78 78 1 1 1 1	300 35 45 55 15 18 19
LASMO (110)	120 8 14 20 18 23 25	120 4 8 15 28 30 38
Midland Bank (569)	600 85 100 112 2 7 11	600 18 30 35 37 42 47
P & O (353)	480 63 78 78 2 5 5	480 26 32 32 32 32 32
Racal (172)	180 20 26 34 4 7 10 10	180 3 6 11 28 30 32
RTZ (357)	800 140 150 150 2 5 5	800 20 27 27 15 18 27
Veal Feeds (85)	70 18 22 25 2 5 7	70 11 15 19 5 8 18
London (216)	200 24 30 35 5 11 15	218 12 12 12 12 12 12
Tr 11% 1981 (103)	108 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8	108 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8
Tr 11% 03/07 (211)	114 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4	118 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Will the TSB blur the Bank's vision

The game of guessing how much the British public will have put up to buy shares in the TSB by 10 o'clock this morning will be over soon enough. It is safe to say it will dwarf the £2 billion for Laura Ashley and even the £4.5 billion for Wellcome. It may well exceed the £6 billion of cheques for the initial BT issue, which was twice the size.

All those had effects on the money supply, on building societies and on the money markets, obliging the Bank of England to give temporary extra funds to the markets to stave off higher interest rates. In the case of BT, the problems were eased by the proceeds, which cut the Government's borrowing requirement. But in the confusion the Bank was unable to read the money signals at what proved to be a crucial time. Partly as a result, there was a sterling crisis two months later and interest rates had to be jacked up.

The TSB issue promises to be even more complex and confusing at a time when interest rate signals may be equally crucial. How much money will be drawn out of the banks and building societies will depend on how the TSB shares are allocated — by ballot or scaling down — and therefore what proportion of cheques are cashed. Such withdrawals however should not cause the same shortage in money markets as earlier issues since essentially most of the money will be moving from other banks to the TSB.

Cash moved from building societies to banks in preparation for the issue

(as they did with BT) may be some effect on the money and banking figures for the banking month of September, even though this ended last Wednesday. The September figures are likely to be awful anyway. The Government is running a high borrowing requirement — possibly as much as £3.5 billion — as advanced tax payments by oil companies are repaid because of their loss of profit.

To the extent people have drawn cheques on building societies for the offer rather than transferring the money to banks, the effects will be quite different. Either way, the societies are likely to take the losses out of their liquidity, hoping that nearly all the money will rapidly return. The effects of the TSB issue on the money supply are necessarily complex.

Money merely transferred between banks need not affect the broader measure. It could even fall because of increases in bank capital — in this case the TSB's capital — are effectively defined as a fall in money supply.

To make matters worse, the Bank of England is about to change its statistical banking months to a straightforward calendar basis. The TSB issue will fall between the end of September under the old regime and the beginning of October under the new. All that can be said for certain is that it will be hard for the Bank of England to know what is going on. Should it then judge money conditions by the falling exchange rate, the rising rate of increase in earnings or simply the opinion polls?

## Dirty tricks in the City

Much of the heat during the recent Guinness-Risk affair was generated in the cause of self-regulation — the system whereby the various City clubs, from Lloyd's to the Stock Exchange, are broadly free to make their own rules and punish offenders in their own way.

The City believes in the minimum of statutory regulation and interference from government authorities. For reasons good and bad the City's area of freedom to deal in the ways it sees fit is being eroded, notably by the Financial Services Bill which seeks to give investors more protection in the free-for-all expected to follow the end of the stockbrokers' cartel on October 27 (Big Bang).

Forecasts of what is likely to happen after October are legion, and conflicting. Surprisingly — on reflection, not surprisingly — there is considerable unanimity that self-regulation, even as modified by the Financial Services Bill, will give way, within five years or less, to statutory regulation through a British equivalent of the American Securities & Exchange Commission.

This may be too pessimistic a view to take, even among those in the City best equipped to take it. However, some of the early, pre-Bang signs are not promising.

For example, a broker in helping defend his company client against an unwanted takeover bid buys in quantities of stock to prevent it falling into the bidder's hands. The bid fails and the market price of the shares in the company bid for drops. The broker has to sell or place the shares bought during the bid battle, but at a loss. To cover this contingency the company agrees, in advance, to pay a substantially higher fee to its advisers.

The directors of the company would primarily be at fault in effectively subsidizing the buying of the company's own shares. If they do act in this way they are probably breaking the law as well as the proprieties.

Another temptation. A merchant bank acting for a bidder, through his dealing associate, buys shares in the target company. The price paid, according to the rules, may be no higher than the value of bid but the merchant bank is aggressive. It signals through the Chinese wall to the in-house broker-dealers to pay more and to pass on the shares to the appropriate quarter at a book loss (the difference between the price paid and the bid value).

No respectable company or firm would use devices of this kind. But others might.

## To HAT Group Shareholders

The BET offer for your shares expires at 10.30am tomorrow, Thursday. IT WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.\*

To be effective, your form of acceptance must be with BET's Registrars, Hill Samuel Registrars Limited, at 6 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PL by that time.

Value of BET Increased and Final Share Offer:

142p

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138p

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94p

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Equities fall back

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on September 15. Dealings end on Friday. Contango day next Monday. Settlement day October 6. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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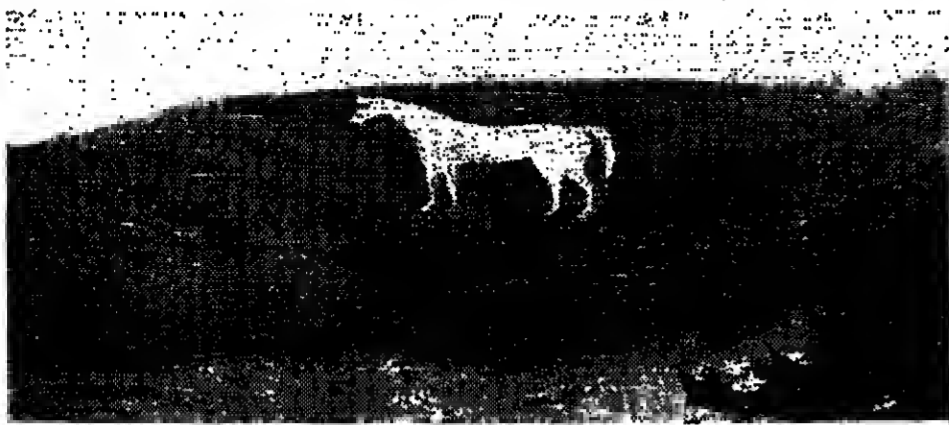
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON  
WILTSHIRE



Local landmark: one of the six white horses cut into chalk hillside

# New life in an old landscape

Wiltshire is the open space on the map of England between the Home Counties and the West Country. It is culturally part of the West Country although it lies far enough eastwards to possess a small band of daily commuters to London.

When compared with its neighbours, Wiltshire seems spacious and uncluttered. It is one of the largest counties of southern England and contains some of the broader tracts of land closed permanently to the public. The Ministry of Defence estates which stretch across Salisbury Plain and beyond account for no less than 9 per cent of the area of Wiltshire.

The outer reaches of London are leaping the green belt and coming to rest in a string of new housing developments around many of the old villages and country towns of Berkshire. Wiltshire is a little too far from London to be much affected.

It has had to create its own industries rather than wait to be overwhelmed and enriched by somebody else's overspill. Industrial development began early in Wiltshire. Swindon was described as "a village of no importance" before Brunel

decided to build the headquarters of the Great Western Railway below it.

The two settlements have long been joined. A walk through the turn-of-the-century terraces that link old and new Swindon is like being wadded to one of the industrial towns of the Midlands or north. Swindon, now one of the fastest growing towns in the country, sits oddly in rural Wiltshire. It is not everybody's favourite place.

Auberon Waugh made a character in one of his novels spend "six years as an assistant curate in Swindon, bearing the Christian message among the shiftiest and stupidest people on earth." Betjeman remarked brusquely that the town contained many buildings but little architecture.

The county has not quite managed to throw off its association with dull-witted peasants in smocks. Swindon is the antidote. Its population has almost doubled in the past 50 years and it has not finished growing. More farmland is earmarked for further housing to the north-west as the town continues to benefit from favourable rents, excellent transport links and

easy access to unspoilt countryside.

Thanks to Brunel's exacting standards, Swindon was on the first regular route for British Rail's high-speed trains. The western region inherited the straight run that Brunel arranged for the Great Western Railway almost 150 years ago.

The result is a run of less than an hour for the 77 miles from Swindon to London. The nearby M4 puts Heathrow airport about an hour away.

Swindon houses almost a quarter of the population of the whole county. Most of the rest live in the country towns and Salisbury. Farming is still

## The county has enough space to show off its monuments as part of a single history instead of as isolated relics

one of the main industries, although grain now grows on many of the downs that once provided grazing for thousands of sheep.

"All my life I have looked upon Hampshire as being an inferior county to Wiltshire with regard to farming," wrote A. G. Street, one of the best farmer-authors of the 20th century and a Wiltshireman

who was always loyal to his native county.

Farming in Wiltshire is much less uniform than in many other counties. It has a strong tradition of dairying and has given us the Wiltshire curing method used in many of Europe's largest bacon factories. The county still speaks with a decided "urr" and "arr" in its voice.

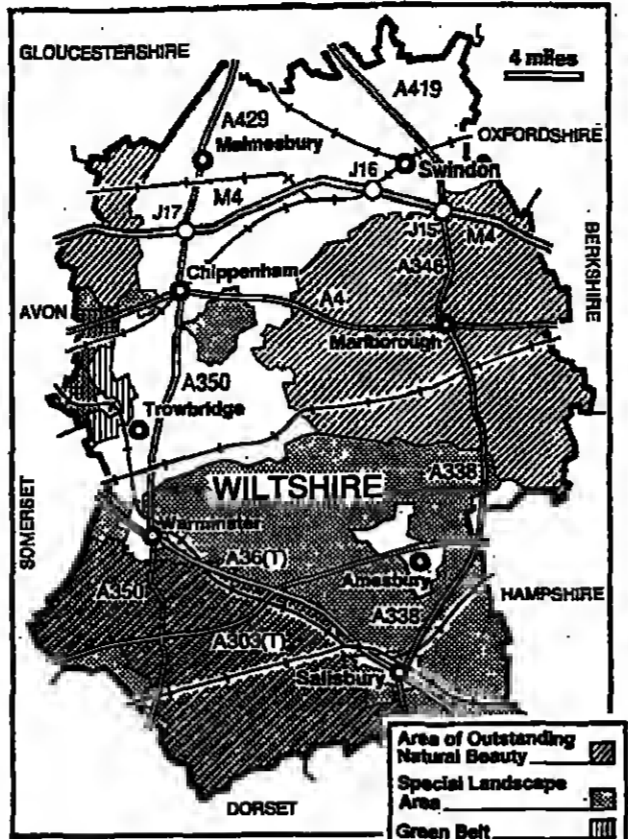
The opening of the M4 through Wiltshire enabled traffic that reaches Wiltshire along it passes through the county without stopping. The glory of landlocked Wiltshire is its landscape. It has its characteristic tourist attractions. The most notable are its archaeological monuments and the large number of white horses and other figures cut into the chalk hillsides.

Such grand designs need to be seen in an open setting and

Wiltshire has enough open space to show off its monuments as part of a single history instead of cramped and isolated relics squeezed into gaps in modern development. The county council has published its proposed revision of the Wiltshire structure plan, which is meant to point towards a framework for development almost to the end of the century.

A glance at the official map shows that only about a quarter of the county is not designated as some species of protected landscape. If a place is not in the green belt or an area of outstanding natural beauty, it is probably part of a special landscape.

Restrictions on development in such specially designated patches of the county mean that most of the job creation has to take place in the north and west. The prospects for tourism are good because the county offers the kind of attractions the market is demanding.



Local success: Despite British Rail cutbacks, Swindon is one of the fastest-growing towns in Britain

# The lures that pull in more business

Large and small industries continue to move into Wiltshire as the benefits of lower rents and rates, and the advantages of having a more contented workforce living in healthy, beautiful surroundings are realized.

George McDonic, director of Planning and Environmental Services, feels he has much to offer those who decide to move. "There are wonderful opportunities here for people who want to set up in business. Not only do they have a delightful environment, but also excellent access to the M4 and all round good communications."

"Add to this a county council which is endeavouring to support small businesses — because we realize that the small business of today is the big business of tomorrow — and the picture is an attractive one. There is a good labour force and we have an excellent track record of satisfactory industrial relations."

Companies who have taken advantage of what Wiltshire has to offer include Optica Aviation, an offshoot of Optica Industries Ltd. The company, which is situated on the Old Sarum Airfield in Salisbury, was in the news recently when the multi-role observation aircraft the Optica OAT7 was involved in a fatal accident. But Alan Halkway, the company chairman, is confident that he can keep going and expand.

"A Home Office Report has now exonerated the aircraft from any fault and suggested that a possible cause of the accident was that the photographer had panicked and interfered with the controls," he said.

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Stourhead, a respectable National Trust mansion in the far south-west of Wiltshire, provides a clue. The house attracts only about a quarter of the number of visitors who wander round its magnificent rolling parkland.

Stately homes still have strong appeal, but more tourists are concerned with the settings of the buildings. They do not want a picture-postcard village to be surrounded by suburbs and industrial estates.

Many of its major single attractions are near its borders: the lions at Longleat, the Cotswold Water Park and Stourhead. The centre rolls quietly and contentedly, a remote and unhurried haven for anyone seeking a ready escape from the urban rate race.

**Hugh Clayton**  
Environment Correspondent

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# It's definitely not microchips with everything at White Horse Business Technology Park

Let's get one thing straight. White Horse Business Technology Park is not a science park. It is by no means exclusively Hi-tech. That said, Bath University — only 20 minutes away — is closely associated with West Wiltshire Holdings Limited, the company set up by West Wilts District Council to develop White Horse Park.

The Council is run by hard-headed business people. The University depends for its very existence on its industrial links.

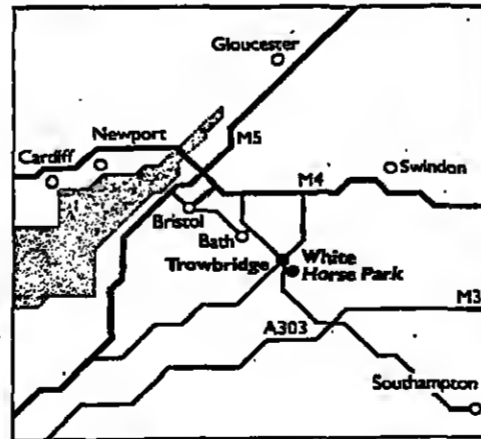
So it's not microchips with everything at White Horse Park. It's top quality office development. It's small to medium manufacturing companies. It's

any business which wants to locate on a superb purpose-designed site in a pleasant part of the country, with a skilled workforce, and good communications — and has an eye for a bargain.

Not, you understand, that companies standing on the leading edge of the new technologies won't be welcomed



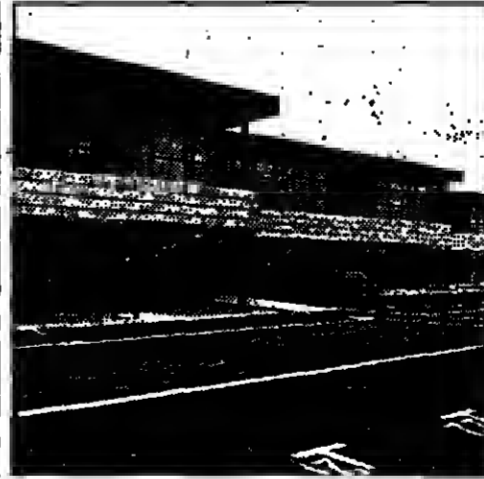
These are the people who run West Wiltshire Holdings Limited. They also run West Wiltshire District Council, itself run like a business, with rates just about the lowest in the country. They invested in computer technology for its own operations, then set up a company — West Wiltshire Software — to sell its expertise to 60 other District Councils throughout the UK. They are now in the business of creating jobs.



White Horse Business Park is in an attractive, stimulating environment just down the road from excellent communications networks. Bristol is 20 miles West, London 90 miles East. The M4, M5 and A303/M3 are easily accessible. London is 80 minutes by train.

with open arms. It is hoped that the newest and most advanced 'sunrise' industries will rub shoulders with acceptable 'low-tech' industries and offices.

One thing all businesses at White Horse Park will have in common is support services — secretarial, technical, and managerial. And the presence of



There are still some units available in this two-storey building with its high standard of design and finish. Spaces are available to let in approximately 1000 square foot modules. And there are 70 acres ready to rent or to buy.



Westbury White Horse, on the edge of Salisbury Plain, looks down on White Horse Business Park.

SWIRL, Bath University's own trading company and consultancy service.

SWIRL's highly sophisticated analytical and chemical test service is already in operation on the Park. And businesses located at White Horse Park will also be able to plug into a wide spectrum of science, technology, information and computer expertise on the University campus.

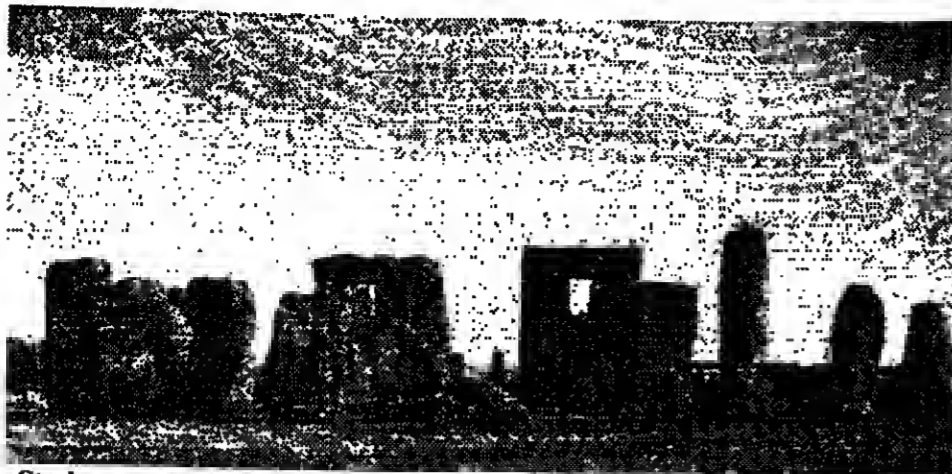
West Wiltshire Holdings Limited has all the professional resources to help with any relocation or expansion project, and can provide all the necessary back-up for companies who wish to start up in an exciting and profitable environment.

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Stonehenge, county treasure and international attraction. Its meaning remains a mystery

# The baffling links with an unknown past

There are prehistoric remains all over Britain, but the biggest, most famous and most mysterious are in Wiltshire. It is undeniable that the county's prehistory is more interesting than its history. If the proverbial man in the Clapham omnibus were asked which ancient monuments he associated with Wiltshire, he would probably cite stone circles like Stonehenge and Avebury.

He would be right about the stones. They were dragged into position thousands of years ago. But the outlines of white horses cut into some of Wiltshire's chalk hillsides are all less than 250 years old. The best-known is the Westbury horse in the west of the county and is a conspicuous landmark for rail travellers on the line from London to Cornwall.

There are at least five other surviving white horses in the county, one of which is said to have been cut to commemorate the accession of Queen Victoria. The phrase "at least" is necessary because white horses need regular weeding if they're not to disappear under grass.

There are many more mysteries attached to the county's older outdoor treasures. It is tempting to imagine the shades of the builders of Stonehenge howling with laughter at some of the explanations advanced in the past 50 years for the appearance of their creation.

The only certainty is that some of the remotest tracts of the county were once the

stamping grounds of a series of busy civilizations. Whoever they were, the centuries have covered their traces well. But their work has made Wiltshire one of the most important archaeological areas in the world. Stonehenge is a heap of ruins now, but in terms of numbers of visitors it is one of the most popular outdoor monuments in western Europe.

The circle of standing stones has become an immediately recognizable symbol of ancient civilization. The giant ruins remain a baffling link with an unknown past. Archaeologists have established that it was built in stages and used for many centuries. But that is all. Little more can be said with certainty except that druids never conducted human sacrifices there.

Stones at Avebury, site of the county's other immense circle, were first heated with bonfires and then cold water was poured over them to make them easy to hammer into usable chunks. Several burial mounds have been relentlessly ploughed into the ground by farmers and some have been blown up accidentally in target practice on Salisbury plain.

But the size, number and pattern of the survivors make the place awesome still. Whoever built Wiltshire's most famous monuments spent years doing it with an immense labour force. Were they slaves, or were they worshippers eager to appease some capricious deity? All we know

is that it all happened a long time ago.

The size of the surviving store of Wiltshire's relics is illustrated by current efforts to reconcile military training needs on Salisbury plain with the desire to conserve archaeological relics.

Some 1,700 monuments have been identified in the military training area which covers about 9 per cent of the whole area of Wiltshire. Although some prehistoric relics have been damaged or destroyed by shells or tank tracks, the restricted areas of Salisbury plain contain an exceptionally dense collection of monuments.

The reason is that they have been largely unaffected by intensive arable farming, probably the greatest of all levellers of ancient mounds and ditches.

Most of the monuments in the area are ancient field systems, but it also includes substantial national monuments. One is Chipperton Down, where a joint military-civilian committee which examined the ancient relics on Salisbury Plain could not agree on a protection policy that would safeguard archaeological interests yet meet the need for troop movements.

There is a mass of outdoor evidence for the inhabitants of Wiltshire today that they occupy land that has been settled by many civilizations, most of which remain largely unknown to us.

Medieval landmark: Salisbury Cathedral and spire, the subject of a £6.5-million appeal fund

At "The Sign of the Angel" hotel in Lacock you could expect to pay £27.50 per person.

A good way of getting to meet the locals is to go to some of the many events held throughout the summer, such as fairs, with displays like ballooning, or parachuting, or some other activity often put on by the armed forces.

There are shows of all kinds - from flowers to animals, ploughing contests, steam machine meetings - and fairs, with faces and dialect which make you feel as though you are standing in a Hardy novel. Go to the barn dance or the auction of farm machinery if you want to savour the true flavour of Wiltshire.

There is a motor cycle and car racing circuit near Castle Combe, and racing at Salisbury. It's well worth visiting the local library and reading the notice boards for information about country events. Local newspapers are good, too. It all depends on how organized a holiday you want. I like to get in the car and drive. I stop when the mood takes me.

Anyone contemplating a holiday can get further details from West Country Tourist Board, Trinity Court, 37 Southernhay East, Exeter EX1 1SQ (0392 76351 or 32906).

# Stately simplicity

The architectural and historic heritage of Wiltshire, which includes 10,000 listed buildings, more than 1,600 scheduled ancient monuments and 158 conservation areas, make it a tourists' paradise.

Most visitors will want to see the artistic wealth and the gardens of great houses such as Wilton and Bonwood, Longleat and Corsham Court, Sheldon Manor and Lacock. They will also want to visit the many interesting churches and tie barns.

But there is much to do and see which is not listed in the official guides. You might be ambled along a country lane and come to a field full of people tying up corn - by hand. The farmer has found an answer to the low market price. He is selling it to a thatcher. The bundles cannot be handled by machinery because they would become damaged.

Go for a drink in a tiny pub, off the beaten track, and meet four lads from New Zealand who are on their way to Wales. They have come off the M4 for a break and decided to stay the night at a farm. It's going to cost them £10 each.

A night in a sumptuous hotel like the Manor House, in the superb setting at Castle Combe, would cost from £69 for a double room, or £38 for a single.

Wiltshire is full of wide open spaces but its population is growing fast. Last year the population was estimated at 540,000, or little more than half the population of Birmingham. But Wiltshire is expanding and the county council expects the population to have risen by 37,000, or 7 per cent by 1996.

Growth, and the need to find room for it and service it, dominates the council's proposed alterations to the structure plan for the county. The Government will eventually decide on the proposals.

It is a complicated and unexciting process drawing up structure plans for large chunks of England. But they are vital documents for industry, builders and the conservation movement because they determine where the main opportunities and pressures will occur.

The council expects much growth to spread along the M4 corridor "in order to encourage the maximum number of jobs to be created in those areas where firms are most likely to invest." There will also be heavy emphasis on development in the west of the county, where transport links are less favourable but where pressure for landscape conservation is less than in the scenic centre.

The council has lavish plans for main road links to the main settlements in the west, including the county town of Trowbridge. Access to the M4 will be improved and the council wants land to be released for industrial



Cultivated elegance: The garden of Stourhead House, a Palladian villa

# M4 signals the way in drive for growth

development. The area has been hampered in recent years by its comparative remoteness and the rapid decline of several traditional industries.

There has been some successful development in the area for many years and there is already a solid industrial and commercial base on which to build. The West Wiltshire Trading Estate, which serves the towns in the area, was founded by Harold Cory on the site of an old army ordnance depot after he had sold his main publishing and printing business.

"The breakthrough came in 1966 when Tesco decided to have a regional distribution centre here," Mr Cory said. "This estate has been built up over the past 20 years and companies here are involved in such activities as fertilizers, agricultural machinery and motorcycle distribution."

"I had an initial problem to persuade the planners that it would be a good idea to bring forward a sub-regional trading estate. It took two years to persuade them." The planners of today are eager to attract business to west Wiltshire, and they have decided to allocate 40 hectares of employment land in Trowbridge alone.

The council points out in the document that the land includes that used for the White Horse business technology park which should boost economic growth throughout the 10 years covered by the structure plan. "Population growth has already brought the town to the stage where a large shopping scheme an-

chored to a department store has been proposed and planning permission granted," the council continues.

The council has quite different plans for the historic city of Salisbury, where growth is to be restrained and channelled northwards towards Amesbury. "The county strategy is intended to restrict the level of development in south Wiltshire in order to give maximum protection to its high-quality environment," the structure plan document says. "Particular emphasis is placed on protecting the landscape setting of Salisbury."

The council fully recognizes the need to safeguard the famous views of Salisbury cathedral which dominate most of the roads in to the city. That means curtailing development on high ground, but the city will, nevertheless, remain the principal development area for the south of the county.

It has shown in recent years that it can attract office development and its role as an important tourist centre gives it buoyant potential for creating jobs. The challenge that faces the council and other local authorities to the end of the century is to protect the characteristic Wiltshire landscape while finding work for the local population.

The county council is one of many in the south and west of England which were Conservative strongholds until the shire elections last year. Wiltshire emerged from the elections with a hung council and

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# All those who made the right move

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The company, which went into receivership because of the accident, hopes to develop a Science Scene Park, offering a range of facilities to the small designer. But new investors are needed to back the scheme which promises a good deal to anyone thinking of setting up a small business and requiring space, manufacturing and marketing expertise.

The Optica OA7 is a purpose-built observation aircraft combining the visibility of a helicopter with the low initial and operating costs of a fixed

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The company employs more than 600 staff and plans to take on 150 more during the next 12 months when it moves into its new European headquarters in Swindon's Windmill Hill business centre.

Exfinco is what could be regarded as a typical City of London institution - primarily a treasury operation - said its chief executive Roger Pilcher. "We've decided to locate in Swindon because it was our view that in this technological age there was nothing to be gained by sitting in the City of London paying phenomenal rents, when we ourselves are providing a service to British exporters."

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One of the more recent developments has been SPAN (Sparfax Airline Network Ltd), producing in-flight entertainment and advertising packages.

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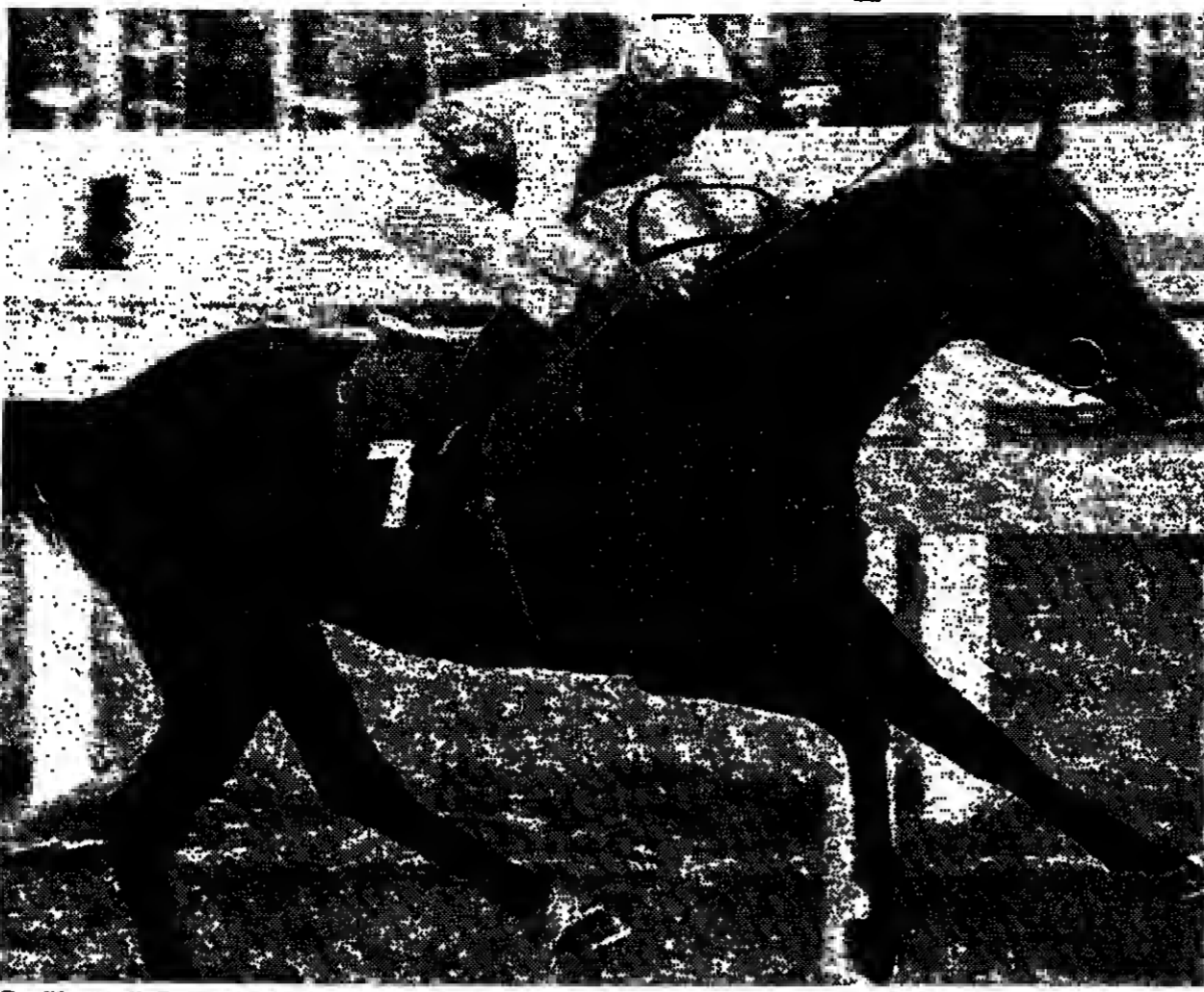
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RACING: WARREN PLACE TEAM CAN CAPTURE ANOTHER TWO-YEAR-OLD PRIZE AT SANDOWN PARK TODAY

Fearless Action to stamp his potential

By Mandarin
Henry Cecil, the Newmarket trainer, gave Sheikh Mohammed his first group one success with a colt when El Cidre scored in Italy on Sunday. Now the same combination look set to continue their winning tally with the promising two-year-old Fearless Action in the Granby Stakes at Sandown Park today.



Guy Harwood's Doncaster scorer Backchat, who has a hefty burden to carry in today's Ditton Handicap at Sandown Park

Backchat, a recent Doncaster winner, has a stiff task with 10st 4lb to carry in the 14 furlong Ditton Handicap. The colt has been plagued with back trouble this term, but galloped on resolutely for his victory over Dearloom at the Town Moor and will make a bold showing today, despite his weight.

She contests in the Mitre Maiden Fillies' Stakes, along with stable companion Skvena, but preference is for Henry Candy's Standard Rose, who ran creditably before Exceptional Beauty at Haydock Park last time out.

Cut heel setback for Combs Ditch

Combs Ditch, who twice finished second in epic duels for the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park, is making a steady recovery from a mysterious injury to his heel. The ten-year-old gelding had to be laid up for several weeks last year.

Game Nordica has date at the December Sales

Michael Roberts on Nordica held off a determined challenge from Blue Guita, ridden by Michael Hills, to take yesterday's most valuable prize at Sandown Park, the £3,700 Stellite Fillies' Handicap.

Arc, in which she will be ridden by Fernando Diaz, currently second in the Chilean jockeys' table. Maria Fumata, who has won both her races since her return, arrives in France tomorrow and will be stable with Francois Boutin.

SANDOWN PARK

Going: good to firm. Draw: high numbers best.

2.0 XXHOTT APPRENTICE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O; £2,302; 5f) (13 runners)

- 101 2108 SAUCE DAIBLE (R) (D) ... T Spruce (11) 11
102 2222 MISS BELLEVUE (R) (D) ... G Almond (11) 11
103 3100 JOYVIX (R) (D) ... J Adams (7) 11

3.35 GRANBY STAKES (2-Y-O; £2,514; 7f) (6 runners)

- 404 2240 LUZIAN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
405 2241 FEARLESS ACTION (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
406 2242 CHEVROLET (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

Sandown results

- Going good to firm. 2.0 (R) 1. ROCK MACHINE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2.1 (R) 2. MISS PATTIE LAMER (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2.2 (R) 3. ALSO RAN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

BEVERLEY

Going: firm. Draw: high numbers best.

2.15 E & F GARROWBY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,832; 1m 100yd) (17 runners)

- 1 6000 AGAMET ALL ODDS (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2 6001 ABANDONED HOPE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
3 6002 ABANDONED HOPE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

3.45 BURTON AGNES STUO CO MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O; £1,658; 1m 2f) (11)

- 1 6003 COMMANCHE BELLE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2 6004 BEAR HES (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
3 6005 BEAR HES (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

Sandown selections

2.0 Sauce Daible. 2.30 Canadian Star. 3.5 Silent Majority. 3.35 Fearless Action (nap). 4.5 Very Special. 4.40 Standard Rose. 5.10 Perfect Solution.

4.5 DITTON HANDICAP (£2,330; 1m 6f) (14)

- 501 14001 BACKCHAT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
502 14002 BACKCHAT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
503 14003 BACKCHAT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

Leicester

Going: firm. 2.10 (R) 1. MOBILE MINISTRE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2.10 (R) 2. MISS PATTIE LAMER (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

Beverly selections

2.15 Alder. 2.45 Cue Pass. 3.15 Handsome Sailor. 3.45 Comanche Belle. 4.15 Longstop. 4.45 Warpale.

4.45 WEAVER HANDICAP (£2,013; 1m 100yd) (19)

- 4001 0100 BALLYPATRICK (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
4002 0101 BALLYPATRICK (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
4003 0102 BALLYPATRICK (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

3.5 WEST END HANDICAP (£2,428; 5f) (17)

- 301 02213 ALL GREEN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
302 02214 ALL GREEN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
303 02215 ALL GREEN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

5.10 CLARE HILL STAKES (R) (D) (10 runners)

- 501 14001 BACKCHAT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
502 14002 BACKCHAT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
503 14003 BACKCHAT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

Sedgefield

Going: firm. 2.45 (R) 1.1. TRACERS JEWEL (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
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Devon selections

2.0 Kingswood Kitchens. 2.30 Repetitive. 3.0 Dobt Follows. 3.30 Man O' Magic. 4.0 Cobby Express. 4.30 Christy's Slipper.

4.0 TOM GARRATT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,336; 3m 1f) (7)

- 1 001 LEODRAGRAN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2 002 LEODRAGRAN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
3 003 LEODRAGRAN (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

PERTH

Going: firm. 2.15 KINNOULL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£555; 2m) (5 runners)

- 1 3400 KINROED (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2 3401 KINROED (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
3 3402 KINROED (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

3.15 FAIR MAIDS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,807; 2m 4f) (2)

- 3 400 STANG BACK (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
4 401 STANG BACK (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

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3.0 THRU SELLING HURDLE (£400; 2m 1f) (10)

- 1 001 EAST STREET WIM (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2 002 EAST STREET WIM (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
3 003 EAST STREET WIM (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

PERTH selections

2.15 Kindred. 2.45 Balmerino. 3.15 Stand Back. 3.45 Al-Alam. 4.15 Hold Off. 4.45 Tina's Brig.

4.15 BILFORD NOVICE CHASE (£1,096; 3m) (4)

- 4 300 HOLD OFF (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
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4.45 DUNCRUB NOVICE HURDLE (£686; 2m) (5)

- 4 001 DANRUB NOVICE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
5 002 DANRUB NOVICE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
6 003 DANRUB NOVICE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

3.0 SEDGWICK BRISTOL UK LTD NOVICE CHASE (£2,205; 2m 1f) (5)

- 1 001 BUCK BLACKFOOT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
2 002 BUCK BLACKFOOT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
3 003 BUCK BLACKFOOT (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

3.0 THRU SELLING HURDLE (£400; 2m 1f) (10)

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3 003 EAST STREET WIM (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12

PERTH selections

2.45 Bell-Ingram Juvenile Novice Hurdle (3-Y-O; £1,396; 2m) (7)

4.45 DUNCRUB NOVICE HURDLE (£686; 2m) (5)

- 4 001 DANRUB NOVICE (R) (D) ... M J Thomas 12
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Today's course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 18 winners from 25 runners, 27.5%; P Cook, 10 winners from 153, 24.2%; Jockey: W Carson, 45 winners from 139 races, 20.9%; P Edworthy, 46 from 248, 18.9%; S Causton, 31 from 204, 15.2%.

PERTH selections

TRAINERS: Dorna Smith, 14 winners from 48 runners, 31.1%; W Carson, 10 from 17, 20.9%; Jockey: H Dobby, 20 winners from 97, 22.2%; S Stroy, 12 from 50, 24.0%; G Grant, 16 from 95, 16.8%.

Blinkered first time

SANDOWN: 2.0 Juv. 4.40 Red Shoes. BEVERLEY: 2.15 Juv. 4.40 Red Shoes. THATCH AM. 2.45 Delta. Muffin.









SPORT

FA say no to filming by TV

By John Goodbody

The Football Association yesterday turned down an estimated £500,000 to have the FA Cup semi-finals shown live on television.

The two channels will alternate coverage for every round of the FA Cup from the third round on January 10, when the first and second division clubs enter the competition.

A spokesman for Independent Television said yesterday: "We would have loved to have shown the semi-finals in addition to the other rounds."

"One leading FA official has been quoted as saying that he believes there is too much live football on television. So this is presumably the reason for their refusal."

A total of 22 League, FA Cup and Littlewoods Cup games are being shown live this season. A spokesman for the Football Association said yesterday's decision was taken "without much discussion".

Inquiry on violence by the FA

The Football Association is to set up an inquiry into last Saturday's violence at the Oldall Stadium, Bradford when 64 people were arrested during and after the second division game between Bradford and Leeds (John Goodbody writes).

No date has been settled for the investigation which will take place at the stadium, currently being used for Bradford's home games because Valley Parade is being rebuilt after being burnt down in the fire last year in which 56 people died.

A Football Association spokesman said yesterday that any decision to reimpose the ban on visiting Leeds supporters would take place after the inquiry had been completed.

During last Saturday's violence Leeds fans, attending their first match for 12 months, caused a fire to start in one corner of the ground forcing 13,000 spectators to stampede in terror.

Success can wait for City's manager-to-be

By Peter Ball

Whoever replaces Billy McNeill as manager of Manchester City — and the indications yesterday were that his assistant, Jimmy Frizzell, remains the most likely choice — he will have one thing to thank his predecessor for: he will take the job with no great pressure for immediate success.

McNeill's greatest legacy to Manchester City in his three seasons with the club was that as well as restoring their first division status, albeit shakily, he brought stability and calm to the heated atmosphere engendered by the reigns of Malcolm Allison and John Bond.

Those worries had taken the club to the verge of bankruptcy in their efforts to fulfil their chairman, Peter Swale's, ambition to overtake Manchester United. McNeill's achievement in bringing back dignity to the club after the excesses of his predecessors, the respect he commands as a patently straightforward man and as one of the outstanding players in Celtic's history, and his previous success as a manager in Scotland, however, cannot completely disguise the fact that the inheritance he has left is a mixed one.

A record of only one win, against Wimbledon on the opening day of the season, in their last 21 competitive matches, speaks for itself. McNeill's ability to get the best out of the limited group of players is unquestionable, but his dealings on the transfer market have been less than convincing. McNeill, of course, has been hamstrung by

City's financial plight, a major factor in his decision to leave, and has had to generate his own purchasing power by selling.

But although he roughly balanced the books, his record

Billy McNeill's record in the transfer market while he was at Maine Road was as follows:

PURCHASES: McNab (Brighton), £20,000; Smith (Brighton), £40,000; Cullen (Leeds), £20,000; Melrose (Celtic), £20,000; McCarthy (Barnsley), £20,000; Dabiel (Preston), £25,000; Clements (Oldham), £20,000; N Johnson (Rotherham), £25,000; Cunningham (Sheffield Wednesday), £100,000; Phipps (Plymouth), £100,000; Lillis (Huddersfield), £132,000; Davies (Chelsea), £100,000; Hopkins (Birmingham), £120,000; Christie (Derby) in part exchange for Lillis; Scolding (Coventry) in part exchange for Phipps.

SALES: Reeves (Burnley), £125,000; Taitnie (Lokoren), £30,000; Cunningham (Newcastle), £70,000; Melrose (Charlton), £40,000; Phipps (Leeds), £100,000; Lillis (Huddersfield) £132,000 plus Sucking

LOAN SIGNINGS: D Johnson, Davidson, Sullivan, Sinclair, McKelvie, Siddle.

FREE TRANSFERS: Parlant, McIlroy.

of signings suggests that his lack of previous experience in the football league told heavily against him, as a glance at the accompanying table suggests.

It is fair to say that, of the 20 players, including loan signings and free transfers, imported during his three

years at Maine Road, only Clements, McCarthy and McNab have firmly established themselves, although it is too early to pass judgment on his latest acquisitions, Christie, Sucking and Hopkins. Of the others, Smith, Taitnie, Parlant, Melrose and Phillips made short-term contributions of varying quality, but one of his signings satisfactorily solved City's most pressing need, a regular supply of goals.

It is hard to resist the conclusion that two or three players of higher quality would have given a better return on an expenditure approaching £1 million than a series of buys reflecting short-term expediency.

Some City supporters indeed believe that McNeill's successor will be inheriting a worse squad than that which greeted him in 1983, although the youth team is beginning to yield some hope for the future. In City's strained circumstances, it is a daunting prospect, although Joe Royle, Tommy Docherty and Trevor Cherry have thrown their hats into the ring.

The financial restrictions, however, seem to point towards the appointment of Jimmy Frizzell, who operated on a tight budget at Oldham for ten years, with that instinctive survivor Tooy Book as his assistant. It will be a vote for continuity, but the test of keeping City in the first division will be formidable.

Oxford in need of a similar long run

Oxford United begin their defence of the new Littlewoods Challenge Cup against Gillingham at Manor Road tonight knowing that another successful run is needed if they are to balance the books. Although Oxford lost £166,000 in the last financial year, they made £250,000 from the final alone, and Jim Hunt, the club's secretary, said: "The further we go in the competition this year the better. It would be catastrophic for us or any first division club to go out in the second round."

Maurice Evans, the Oxford manager, has warned his players against complacency in the early rounds. "Gillingham may be a third division side," he said, "but they have a good record here, and I happened to be in the ground on their last visit in the third division when Oxford had about 28 corners and lost 1-0."

Ian Bunterworth is not among the squad of 14 players standing by for Norwich City at Peterborough because Nottingham Forest do not want their on-loan centre half cup tied. Rosario, whose previous first team appearances have all been in attack, looks set to play in defence. The manager, Ken Brown's son, Kenneth junior, is also in the squad.

Surprisingly for the manager of a Nottingham Forest team that has scored 12 goals in its last two games, Brian Clough still has reservations. They concern his defence. Before Forest's tie at Brighton, Clough, who has told his team to forget their top of the table position, said: "We have been on the receiving end more than most and simply must get it together at the back."

Forest are unchanged for the seventh successive time. Paul Hardyman, Portsmouth's former England Under-21 full-back, is struggling to recover from injury for the game at Wrexham. Hardyman was detained in hospital overnight after being carried off and sent off at the same time, at Stoke on Saturday. His two-match suspension does not start until after Saturday's second division match with Huddersfield but his injury may, in any case, rule him out until then.

Everton, who take on Newport at Goodison Park, have a doubt over Kevin Sheedy, who has a groin strain which forced his substitution during Sunday's win against Manchester United. United themselves, are determined to there will be no slip-ups at Old Trafford against another third division club, Part Vale, who are down to only 13 fit players.

Walsall's already delatayed tie with Millwall at Fellows Park is off again. Several Walsall players are still recovering from a mystery virus which swept through the club last week, causing the postponement of Saturday's third division game with Swindon. The first leg will now be on October 7 and the return at The Den on October 14.



Left standing: A Japanese defender slides in on a rival during her side's 3-2 defeat by Italy in the second match of a women's international series in Tokyo. Italy also won the first.

Confident Sweden look for goals

Stockholm (Reuter) — Sweden, boosted by a 1-0 win over England last month, are hoping star striker, Johnny Ekstrom, will repeat his match-winning form when they meet Switzerland in their opening European championship group two match today.

Ekstrom, who has agreed to join Italian club, Empoli, from his Swedish club, Gösaborg, in November, struck Sweden's 51st minute winner against England and poses the chief threat to Switzerland's hopes of their first victory over the Swedes in 25 years. But he and fellow-forward, Nilsson, are likely to face an unremitting defensive performance as Switzerland sit back and rely on counter-attacks in the hope of sneaking a goal.

Sweden, like Switzerland, missed out on a place at the Mexico World Cup finals after finishing third in their qualifying group and they are desperately hoping for a good result in their bid for a place at

Two out to get Rangers

Two former Rangers forwards will face the Drox club in the Skol Cup semi-final tonight. Iain Ferguson and Iain Redford, now starring with Dundee United, aim to stop the new Rangers, under

Iceland hoping to repeat surprise

Reykjavik (Reuter) — Siggi Held, who played against England for West Germany in the 1966 World Cup final, is the guiding light in Iceland's attempt to repeat their European championship surprise over France against the Soviet Union tonight.

Held, who also helped Borussia Dortmund win the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1965, is coach of the Iceland team who held the defending champions and World Cup semi-finalists, France 0-0 in a group three qualifier here earlier this month.

Judo entry

A record of 148 overseas competitors have entered the British Open women's judo championships at Crystal Palace on Saturday. The British contingent of 64 is headed by Karen Briggs, the world and European baotamweight champion, and Diane Bell, the European light-middleweight champion.

Hockey boost

The women's European hockey cup, scheduled for Pickett's Lock in September 1987, is to receive £40,000 sponsorship from the NatWest Bank. Twelve countries, including England, The Netherlands and West Germany, will compete in the event.

All-rounder

Steven Marsh, the Kent wicketkeeper, has been invited to play football for Maidstone United, the GM Vauxhall Conference club. Marsh has played centre forward in the Kent League.

Italians recall former glory

A trio of Italian motorcyclists determined to capture the former glory of their country when the 500cc World Championship Giacomo Agostini reigned as prince, will be battling for the honours — and a guaranteed place at Grand Prix level in 1987 in Donington Park's £20,000 European Championship final this Sunday.

The most experienced of the three is Marco Papa, aged 30, from the tourist town of Poggia, between Rome and Florence, who is fighting for full fitness after crashing during last month's Swedish Grand Prix.

He started racing with a production Kawasaki in 1978 and entered the 500cc class with an RG Suzuki four years ago. This year Papa switches to a Honda and already with his Grand Prix knowledge he is out to win the 500cc European title which would consolidate his future.

Another leading Italian will be Massimo Messere. Born in Rome, Messere, now a professional rider, started racing in 1980 but his first Grand Prix ride four years later, in the Italian at Mugello, ended in disaster when he crashed.

Rated the best young Italian prospect for the 500cc class in years, is 21-year-old Alessandro Valesi who is sponsored on a Honda by his

Domestic challenge

father (once the backer of the former World Champion Marco Lucchinelli), and aims a domestic challenge, based in the Rome area.

Third in last year's Italian 500cc championship, Valesi stated racing in the 125cc class when he was 17 but moved on to the 500cc class as soon as his age permitted.

Already with some Grand Prix experience, Valesi moves in to the final two rounds of the European Championship in third position.

But on the 2.5-mile Donington circuit, which will be the scene for the first time of the British Grand Prix next year, the Italian invader faces stiff home opposition in their quest for victory.

Trevor Nation (from Shipdon Bellingham, Wilts), Simon Buckmaster (Bell Bus, Hertfordshire), Loadner Gary Lingham, Mark Phillips (Lincoln), Steve Henshaw (Jaeksdale, Nottinghamshire), David Griffith (Lutterworth, Leicestershire), and the Australian Richard Scott on an ex-Roger Marshall Grand Prix Honda are all in the talented line-up for the 25-lap 500cc race.

In the 250cc European Championship, the Austrian Hans Lindner is destined to arrive at Donington Park with a commanding lead but with the local riders Nigel Bosworth (Stoke Golding, Leicestershire) and Rob Orme (Ilkeston, Derbyshire), and Preston's Kevin Mitchell off the scene, his chances of a UK race victory are remote.

The sidecar final is poised for a grandstand finish between the Kent-based Japanese ace Yoshisada Kanagaya and his passenger Kazuhiko Makikuchi, who race with an ACU licence.

And with the top British crews Clive Serrat and Simon Prior, Tony Baker and Peter Harper, and Gary Thomas and Geoff White among the entry, they will have to fight all the way for the all-important European Championship title.

TENNIS

Leconte loses to Haitian in hot Barcelona

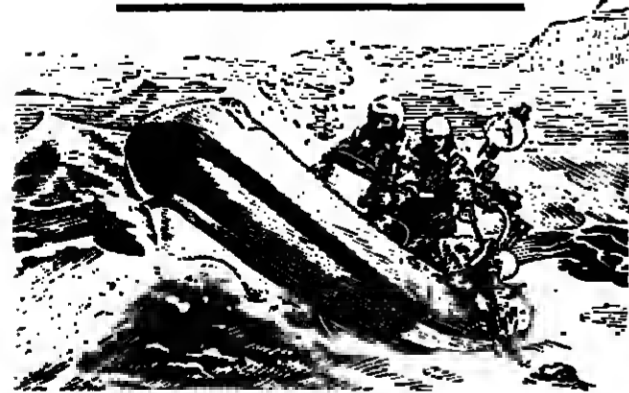
Barcelona (AP) — The top seed, Henri Leconte, of France, was eliminated from the \$225,000 Conde de Godo tournament by Roland Agenor, of Haiti, yesterday's first-round games.

After the first set won by Agenor 6-1, Leconte simply gave up. The French player looked tired from the start and unable to continue to play in the heat of Barcelona which was in excess of 30°C (86°F).

Third-seeded Miloslav Mecir, of Czechoslovakia, lost 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to his countryman, Marian Vajda, fifth seeded, was also eliminated, going down to Guillermo Perez Roldan 6-1, 6-4.

10 Monday's opening games, the second seed, Joakim Nyström, of Sweden, had been eliminated by Thomas Muster, of Austria, 6-2, 7-5.

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